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Millowners Leave

NO CHOICE TO LABOUR

N. M. Joshi Makes Futile Last Attempt To Solve Textile Deadlock

UNIVERSAL SUPPORT TO G. K. U.

BOMBAY, Friday.

One more attempt was made to resolve the textile deadlock in the city. But it also proved fruitless. The attempt was made by Mr. N. M. Joshi.

It is learnt that Mr. Joshi had about half an hour's discussion with Sir Gilbert Wiles, Chief Adviser to the Governor, at the Civil Secretariat, to-day.

FUTILE EFFORT

It is understood that Sir Gilbert promised to discuss the matter with the Chairman of the Millowners' Association, with a view to explore the possibilities of narrowing down and composing the differences between the two parties.

MILLOWNERS FIRM

In the evening, it was learnt that Mr. Joshi was informed of the view-point of the millowners.

In labour circles, the view prevailed that the Millowners. Association did not budge an inch from the previous position taken by them.

Mr. Joshi will leave for Delhi by the Frontier Mail on Saturday.

Arrangements are understood to have been made by the Mill authorities to induce workers to stay within the mill premises on the night previous to the day on which the strike was to be launched. Tents have been put up within the compounds of some of the mills and godowns seem to have been emptied.

WORKERS' RESOLUTION

In the night, Mr. Dange issued a resolution containing comments on the majority recommendations of the Conciliation Board. The resolution was passed by the Managing Committee of the Girni Kamgar (Red Flag) union on Thursday night.

Enquiries in labour circles indicate that the workers' representatives are open to any negotiations leading to an honourable settlement. But at 7-30 a. m., on Monday, when workers down tools, all such negotiations will be barred.

"Our demand for 15 per cent increase holds good for the purposes of an immediate settlement" declared Mr. S. A. Dange to a "Chronicle" representative "but once the strike is on, our demand reverts to 25 per cent increase."

BONFIRE OF WAGE INCREASE NOTICE.

The open hostility of the workers to the millowners' decision to give them an increase of ten per cent in terms of the majority recommendations of the Conciliation Board, has reached a high pitch.

Wherever the workers came across notices put up by the mill authorities announcing their decision, the workers pulled them down, tore them and burnt them.

Last night, it is reported, in a certain mill in the city, workers gathered and made a ceremonious bonfire of these notices.

In other mills, it is reported, workers wrote under every notice: "We want nothing less than 25 per cent."

INTERVENE IN STRIKE

A. I. T. U. C. President's Appeal To Bombay

CALCUTTA. March 1.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerji, President of the All India Trade Union Congress, in the course of a statement congratulates the Bombay textile workers on their decision to start a general strike on March 4 in connection with their demand for 25 per cent. war bonus.

Dr. Banerji says that in view of the fact that the rise in prices after the war has been by more than 25 per cent., the workers' demand for 25 per cent., war bonus

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THROUGH UNDERSTANDING WITH INDIA

Britain Wants To Strengthen Roots Of Imperialism

If Struggle Starts It Will Be Long-Drawn Event And Will Not End Until Goal Is Reached, Says Jawahar

PATNA, March 1.

"It appears that India had been starting civil disobedience every ten years, but if any movement be started this year it will be a long-drawn event and will not end until the goal is achieved," said Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a big public meeting at the Bankipore Lawn under the presidentship of Mr. Srikrishna Sinha, former Prime Minister of Bihar.

WHAT BRITAIN WANTS.

Pandit Nehru in the course of a long address referred to the fight which, he said, was being carried on by those who could not tolerate slavery, and said that the Congress withdrew the Ministries in order to be able to fight freely.

Proceeding Pandit Nehru said that war did not come all of a sudden, but was the culmination of a series of events, and the Congress knew it was coming for which it wanted to prepare the country. Although the country was not sufficiently strong, leaders did not allow it to be deceived by slogans

Referring to the interviews of Congress leaders with the Viceroy, Pandit Nehru regretted that their importance was magnified by newspapers. He had no doubt in his mind that the present reactionary Government in Britain, which did not help fighters for freedom in Europe, would not help India to be free; and its desire for an understanding with India at the present crisis was to strengthen the roots of Imperialism.

Pandit Nehru regretted that besides other anti-national forces, provincialism was also causing an impediment to progress. He thought that in the present state of affairs they had to fight with the weapons of Mahatma Gandhi without wasting energy in useless talks.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel who also addressed the meeting.

Mr. Bhulabhai Desai who also addressed the gathering in Hindi said that Gandhiji would lead India to her goal.—United Press.

INTERNAL WEAKNESS DELAYS MARCH

PATNA, March 1.

"It is our internal weakness which will delay the achievement of independence; otherwise not even the British Government can prevent it," declared Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing the students this evening in the Anjuman Hall.

Pandit Nehru deprecated narrow feelings such as communalism, provincialism and "castism" and pleaded for an international outlook. Students should study problems in an impersonal way and realise that unless the present economic structure was changed the world could not progress.

Regarding India's fight for freedom Pandit Nehru observed that there was no harm in waiting for a propitious time.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu who also addressed the gathering exorted them to be international in outlook and realise the essential unity of humanity. India in the past preached universality of truth and she could do it even now, and therefore it was necessary that she should become free That was the way to ensure freedom for everyone.

Mrs. Naidu discouraged the practice of shouting slogans without understanding them and pleaded for a revolutionary outlook.—United Press.

Congress Call To Nation

"The Congress withdrew the Ministries from the Provinces where the Congress had a majority in order to dissociate India from the war and to enforce the Congress determination to free India from foreign domination. This preliminary step must naturally be followed by civil disobedience, to which the Congress will unhesitatingly resort as soon as the Congress organisation is considered fit enough for the purpose, or in case circumstances so shape themselves as to precipitate a crisis. The Congress desire to draw the attention of Congressmen to Mr. Gandhi's declaration that he can only undertake the responsibility of declaring civil disobedience when he is satisfied that they are strictly observing discipline and are carrying out the constructive programme prescribed in the independence pledge.

"The Congress seeks to represent and serve all classes and communities without distinction of race or religion, and the struggle for Indian independence is for the freedom of the whole nation. Hence the Congress cherishes the hope that all classes and communities will take part in it. Civil disobedience is to evoke the spirit of sacrifice in the whole nation.

"The Congress hereby authorises the All-India Congress Committee and in the event this being necessary, the Working Committee, to take all steps to implement the foregoing resolution, as the Committee concerned may deem necessary."

(Full Text of Resolution on Page 16).

STOP PRESS

FINNS CLAIM TO HAVE BROUGHT DOWN 14 SOVIET PLANES

HELSINKI, March 1.

A communique states that enemy attacks continued yesterday in the west of the Karelian Isthmus. The Finnish troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and destroyed several tanks. An enemy attack in Taipale was repulsed.

Finnish planes bombed an air base, a transport centre and a Soviet military train and several fierce air battles occurred. Many Soviet planes flew over the country and bombed a number of places including Abo and Rovaniemi causing damage and many fires. Fourteen civilians are reported to have been killed, and sixteen wounded.

Soviet planes dropped several parachutists all of whom were immediately shot down. It is definitely established that 14 Soviet planes were brought down during the day. According to unconfirmed report, five more are brought down. The Finns lost four planes. —Reuter.

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Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Babu Rajendra Prasad, proceeding to the Congress Working Committee meeting at Patna.

ROOSEVELT'S ENVOY

MEETS NAZI FOREIGN MINISTER

Sumner Welles Says He Had Interesting Talks With Ribbentrop: Will Meet Hitler To-day: Amsterdam Pessimistic

BERLIN, March 1.

Mr. Sumner Welles arrived in Berlin shortly before 10/00.

Mr. Sumner Welles was welcomed at Anhalt Station by Herr von Welzraeckv, State Secretary at the Wilhelmstrasse representing von Ribbentrop and the United States Charge D'Affaires in Berlin and officials of the American Embassy.

Later, von Ribbentrop received Mr. Sumner Welles at the Wilhelmstrasse.

Mr. Sumner Welles will meet Herr Hitler to-morrow morning. This announcement was made by Mr. Welles himself this afternoon at the end of his talk with Herr von Ribbentrop which lasted two and half hours.

Mr. Welles described the talk as extremely interesting and said that he was receiving every possible courtesy from the German Government.

This evening Mr. Welles is seeing Herr von Welzsacker, Secretary of State at the German Foreign Office.

Speculation About Welles' Berlin Visit

AMSTERDAM March 1.

There is little ground for optimism regarding the outcome of Mr. Sumner Welles' talks with Hitler and Ribbentrop, according to Neutral observers in Berlin who point out that hope, which had been entertained regarding Mr. Welles's tour has suffered two severe setbacks.

The first was Herr Hitler's speech on February 24 when he declared that war against Britain would be fought to an end and second the speech of Dr. Goebbels on Wednesday, wherein he described the war as a matter of life or death for the German people.

The same line has since been maintained in the few very brief remarks that German foreign officials have made about Mr. Welles's mission.

Mr. Welles will be acquainted with Germany's attitude towards Britain and her "grievances against Western Plutocracies" but Neutral observers opine little else may be expected to result from the visit.—Reuter.

U. S. Ambassador Meets Welles

ZURICH, March 1.

It is revealed that Mr. Cudahy, United States Ambassador at Brussels, arrived here on February 28 and had an important con-

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Nazi Bombers

ACTIVE OVER NORTH SEA

LONDON, March 1.

Nazi planes made further bombing raids to-day on British fishing boats in the North Sea. British fighters went up to drive them away. In the early hours of darkness the 28 foot motor fishing boat "Courage" put into port reporting that she had been bombed by a Nazi aircraft.

This is the second time she had been attacked by enemy planes The bomb fell close to the ship to-day, but there were no direct hits. One member of the crew suffered from shock.

A distress signal was also picked up from a vessel off the coast and the trawler "Acuba" which recently drove off Nazi planes with its machine-guns.

BRITISH STEAMERSUNK

The British steamer "Pyrrhus" (7,418 tons) was sunk by enemy action in broad daylight off the West Coast of England with a loss of eight lives. The missing men were Chinese firemen. No passengers were aboard.

A Yorkshire lifeboat returned to port after an unsuccessful search for the Latvian steamer "Katvaldis" (3,000 tons), which had wirelessed stating that she was being bombed and machine-gunned by two German planes early to-day.—Reuter.

Italian Steamer Mined

The Italian steamer "Mirella" was mined in the North Sea. Sixteen survivors reached the Suffolk Coast in two lifeboats. Eleven are still missing.

Norwegian Steamer Bombed

The Norwegian steamer "Brott" (1583 tons) was bombed by the German aircraft and was escorted into a port of east coast of England by lifeboat. Six of her crew are believed to be adrift on a raft.

French Steamer Sunk

As a result of an explosion the French steamer "P M 25" of about 6,000 tons sank in the North Sea on Tuesday. Four of the crew were killed and the remaining 39 rescued by a British warship.

The first explosion was followed by a second and the ship quickly settled down.—Reuter.

Declare War Aims In Regard To India

ISSUE TO BE RAISED THROUGH CUT MOTION ON BUDGET DEMAND

NEW DELHI, March 1.

A demand for the declaration of war aims vis-a-vis India, forms the subject matter of a cut motion tabled in respect of budget demands by Sardar Sant Singh, Secretary of the Congress Nationalist Party.

So far about 80 motions have been given notice of after the presentation of budget yesterday. Defence expenditure, need for economy in administration expenses and demand for two pice postcards are among the subjects sought to be debated during the four days voting on the demands beginning from March 8.—United Press.

India Made To Pay Britain's War Bill

Manu Subedar On Plan Behind Budget Estimates: Bengal Chamber's Protest: Excess Profits Tax Bill Concessions

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, March 1

Mr. Manu Subedar M.L.A. (Central) in a press statement on the budget says: "The budget statement is clear. The Finance Member has greater excuse for underestimating receipts from excess profits tax, salt, posts and telegraphs and incometax than his predecessor had, as has been found from under-estimating in cometax, sugar and silver. The excess profits tax, even if it yielded less in the first year for reasons stated will not once all the assessees are brought in, give the meagre amount stated. It will give three times as much and as it is not merely for one year. The Assembly is entitled to have a clear estimate, unless the Finance Member has decided to make serious modifications in the terms in response to universal public opinion.

WAR BILL AND TAXES.

On the necessity of paying for the war from taxes and of meticulously balancing the budget, there will be differences of opinion. The resources of the Capital Market in India, which could be used to Finance Government's needs by new loans, are to be used for the transfer of Sterling Debt to India, helping incidentally the borrowing programme of the United Kingdom Government. The points of criticism are against not so much what the Finance Member has done, because he has limited powers.

INDIAN TROOPS ABROAD.

The salutary principle that when Indian troops are employed abroad all charges in connection therewith should be paid by England has been sacrificed and it appears from the reply in Parliament that not only are all charges of Indian troops abroad to be borne by India, but an additional contribution of one crore of rupees (perhaps more next year) is to be made by the Indian tax-payer.

ANOTHER BURDEN.

The Chatfield arrangements against which India protested have been modified in favour of the United Kingdom and a retrospective effect is given to these modifications from the first of April 1939, rendering the placing of defence estimates before the Assembly a mockery. It is not denied that the measures to be taken in India will include the application of compulsory military service to every Englishman, an obligation of the United Kingdom, the burden of which is sought to be unjustly transferred to this country. There are still undeci-

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NEW BURDEN ON AGRICULTURIST

NEW DELHI, March 1.

A new Bill introduced in the Central Assembly to-day provides for 1 1/2 per cent. cess on agricultural commodities which are not subject to export duties. The income expected from this source is Rs. 14,00,000 and will be available for the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.

The commodities affected are bone, bristle, butter, cereal, other than rice and wheat, drug, fibre for brush, fish, fruit, ghee, raw hide, oil cake, pulse, raw skin, seed, spices, unmanufactured tobacco, vegetable, wheat, wheat flour and raw wool.—United Press.

BRITAIN HOLDS UP GERMAN COAL MEANT FOR ITALY

It is officially announced that German coal in ships leaving port after midnight to-night for Italy will be subject to detention by British contraband control.

This step has been taken under an order-in-council issued last November. In a normal year, Italy imports nine million tons of German coal and between half and two-thirds is carried by sea and the rest by land. German coal shipments have been going to Italy from neutral ports.

It is learned in London that Britain had always intended German exports to be subject to British contraband control and the Italian Government was so informed three months ago. The immediate stoppage of so large a supply of coal to Italy would seriously affect Italy's industry and so a breathing space was allowed so that Italy might make some other arrangements.

OFFER OF BRITISH COAL

For instance, during the recent financial and trade discussions in Rome every effort was made to provide for British purchases in Italy which would enable Italy to get British supplies of coal.

Certain difficulties have arisen but it is still hoped to reach a satisfactory revision of the Anglo-Italian clearing agreement to enable the transaction to be effected.

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4th.—To elect Dr. C. A. Mehta as a Director, who retires under Article 98 but is eligible and offers himself for re-election.
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Legal Notices

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

TESTAMENTARY AND INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India

Petition for Succession Certificate in respect of certain securities and debts belonging to Raghunath Manaji Kalewar, late of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant. .. Deceased.
MADHUKAR RAGHUNATH KALEWAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, the son of the deceased abovenamed residing at 91-C Babulnath Road, Chowpatty outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings if they think fit before the Grant of Succession Certificate.

WITNESS Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 23rd day of February in the year of Our Lord One thousand nine hundred and forty and in the fourth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI,
for Prothonotary and Senior Master

(Sd.) TAHIR ALI.

The 23rd day of February, 1940.
Messrs. BHAISHANKER KANGA & GIRDHARLAL,
Petitioners' Attorneys.
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RATE CIRCULARS

TWO NEW RATE CIRCULARS viz., Special Rate Circular No. 4 and Foreign Rate Circular No. 1 of 1940, have been issued.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or stations.
(2069)

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from European or Anglo-Indian Female Candidates to fill the post of Domestic Science Mistress, Dow Hill Girls' School, Kurseong, in the Bengal General Service, on a scale of pay of Rs. 220—20|2—240—10|2—260—20|2—300, a notice regarding which appears in Part II of the Calcutta Gazette of the 22nd February, 1940. Copies of the notice and form of application may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Anderson House, Alipore, personally or on sending a half anna stamped envelope bearing full address. Applications should reach him not later than the 20th March, 1940.
(2059)

Legal Notices

George VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT NAGPUR

NOTICE TO OPPOSITE PARTY OF THE DAY FIXED FOR HEARING AN APPLICATION FOR REVISION.

Civil Revision No. 156 of 1939

ABDUL GANI .... Applicant.
HAJI UMAR SHARIF & Others. .... Non-applicant.

Application for revision of the order of the Court of the District Judge, Nagpur, dated the 10th day of January, 1939, in Misc. Appeal No. 7 of 1938.

To

Adamji Haji Dawood Memon Kachhi, Merchant resident of Bhaji Pala Lane, Mandvi, Bombay tahsil and district Bombay Non-applicant.

TAKE NOTICE that an application for revision described above has been presented by the applicant and registered in this Court and that the 11th day of April 1940 has been fixed for your appearance at Nagpur and that the case will be laid before the Court on that day or as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your counsel or some one authorized by law to act for you in the case, it will be heard and decided in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the High Court of Judicature at Nagpur this 22nd day of February 1940.

The Seal of the High Court at Nagpur.

By order of the High Court,
A. D. KALE,
Asstt. Superintendent,
Judicial Branch.
(2064)

Public Notices

JODHPUR RAILWAY.

CONCESSION FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS.

For the coming Easter Holidays return tickets available upto the 9th April, 1940, will be issued as follows over the Jodhpur Railway from the 15th to 25th March, 1940 provided the journey is for a distance of over 100 miles each way or concession fares for 101 miles are paid.

1ST & 2ND CLASSES
At a FARE and ONE THIRD.
INTER: & 3RD CLASSES
At a FARE and ONE-HALF.
G. F. EVANS,
Chief Traffic Manager.
(2067)

NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, BOMBAY.

No. 2623/123-I.

With reference to the Commissioner of Police, Bombay's Notification No. 18754/123-I dated the 12th December 1939, and in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (f) (iii) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the City of Bombay Police Act, 1902 (Bom. IV of 1902), the Commissioner of Police has, with the previous sanction of the Government of Bombay, made the following rule:—

Whenever in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, the position of any coloured or flashing light in any street or public place or on the exterior of any building abutting thereon causes annoyance or danger to the residents or passengers in the vicinity of such street or public place, the person, not being a servant of the Crown or an officer of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay duly authorised in that behalf, exhibiting such light shall, when so required by the Commissioner of Police, remove the light or adjust it to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Police within such period as he may direct.

W. R. G. SMITH,
Commissioner of Police.
Head Police Office,
Bombay, 15th February., 1940.
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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that YESHWANT KESHAV PADHYE and CHANDRAHAS YESHWANT PADHYE, the latter a minor, under the age of eighteen years by his father and natural guardian the said Yeshwant Keshav Padhye have contracted with our client for absolute sale to him of the undermentioned property free from all claims and incumbrances.

All persons having or claiming any estate, right, title, interest claim or demand in to upon or against the said property by way of inheritance, gift, bequest, sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lease, lien, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same (if any) known in writing to the undersigned at their office at Yusuf Building, Esplanade Road, within the Fort of Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof. Any claim or claims not made known to the undersigned as hereby required will be deemed to have been waived and the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

All that piece or parcel of Pension and Tax (cess redeemed) land or ground together with the messuages hereditaments and premises standing thereon situate, lying and being at Dadar at Portuguese Church Road, without the Fort of Bombay, containing area as per copy plan thereof or thereabouts and more particularly delineated on the said plan hereto annexed and marked A and therein surrounded by a boundary line coloured red, and being a portion of the whole land, assessed by the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No 1454 (Part) and Cadastral Survey No. 1446 (part) of Lower Parel Division and the premises thereon bearing Municipal G Ward No. 3243 and Street Nos. 1-3-3A, 5-5a-7 and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the said Portuguese Church Road, on or towards the North by the demarcation line between the property agreed to be purchased by the purchaser and the remaining property of the Vendors, on or towards the West by the said Road and on or towards the South by the existing boundary of the adjoining temple property.

Dated this 1st day of March 1940.

SHAH & CO.,
Purchaser's Atorneys.
(2058)

Public Notices

THE SHOLAPOOR SPG & WVG. CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Standard Building, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, on TUESDAY, the 19th day of March, 1940, at 3-30 p.m., (S. T.), for considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION

That the capital of the Company be increased from Rs. 8,00,000/- to Rs. 16,00,000/- by the issue of 795 new shares of Rs. 1,000/- each, and ten shares of Rs. 500/- each, ranking 'pari passu' with the existing shares in the Company subject to the provisions hereinafter contained as to dividends and issue of certificates.

That these additional 795 shares of Rs. 1,000/- each, and the additional 10 shares of Rs. 500/- each, be offered in the first instance at a premium of Rs. 1,000/- per share of Rs. 1,000/- and at a premium of Rs. 500/- per share of Rs. 500/- to the members of the Company on the register of shareholders on the 1st day of April 1940 in proportion of one new share of Rs. 1,000 for every existing share of Rs. 1,000/- and of one new share of Rs. 500/- for every existing share of Rs. 500/- held by them, and upon the footing that the amount of each share taken up plus the premium making together Rs. 2,000/- per share of Rs. 1,000/- and Rs. 1,000 per share of Rs. 500/- shall be paid in full on acceptance of the offer, and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares to which the member is entitled and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by him shall be deemed to be declined.

The above 805 new shares be issued subject to the terms following:

(a) That they shall rank 'pari passu' for dividend from 1st April, 1940.
(b) That the certificates for the shares shall be completed for delivery within 3 months after the respective dates of allotments.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Monday the 1st April to Monday the 15th April 1940, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
MORARKA & CO.,
Agents
Bombay, 28th February, 1940.
(2070)

Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MAKANJI AMRATLAL MAKWANA and BHAVAN GIRDHAR MAKWANA have contracted with our clinets for absolute sale to them of the undermentioned property free from all claims and incumbrances.

All persons having or claiming any estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand in to upon or against the said property by way of inheritance, gift, bequest, sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, lease, lien, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same (if any) known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Yusuf Building, Esplanade Road, within the Fort of Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof. Any claim or claims not made known to the undersigned as hereby required will be deemed to have been waived and the sale will be completed without reference to any such claim or claims.

THE SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO.

ALL that piece or parcel of land or ground together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon and known as Plot No. 15A and admeasuring 437 7/9 square yards or thereabouts and forming part of Plot known as Plot No. 15 and situate on the Eastern side of Sleater Road, near Grant Road Railway Station in the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and bearing Cadastral Survey No 1P-a/56 of Tardeo Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'D' Ward No. 3631(15) (15A) and (15B), Street No. 3, 3A and 3B and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by Plot No. 15(B) and beyond that by 40 feet Road on or towards the West by the Sleater Road, and on or towards the North by Plot No. 16 and on or towards the South by Plot No. 14.

Dated this 1st day of March 1940.

SHAH & Co.,
Purchasers' Attorneys.
2057

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THE UNION BANK OF INDIA LTD.
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Directors
Mr. M. S. CAPTAIN, (Chairman),

Lachhmandas Harkhchand Daga, Esq., K. R. P. Shroff, Esq., Vithaldas Kanji, Esq., B. N. Karanjia, Esq., Ramdeo Anandilal Podar, Esq., Haridas Madhavdas, Esq., and Dinshaw D. Romer, Esq.

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LONDON AGENTS.
The Westminster Bank Ltd.
Capital Subscribed ..... Rs. 2,00,00,000
Capital Paid-up ..... Rs. 1,00,00,000
Reserve Fund ..... Rs. 1,13,00,000
CURRENT DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS.
Interest is allowed on daily balances from Rs. 300 to Rs. 1,00,000 at 1/2 per cent. per annum Interest on balances in excess of Rs. 1,00,000 allowed only by special arrangement No credit will be given in account for interest amounting to less than Rs. 5 per half year.
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Deposits are received fixed for one-year or for shorter periods at rates of interest which can be ascertained on application.
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On The Air

SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

Delhi I—Programme
338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
5 p.m. Instrumental duet. 5-5 Ummeed Ali Khan. 5-25 J. S. Chowdhury. 5-35 Aziz. and Irshad: Duet. 5-40 La Scala Orchestra. Milan. 6-15 Vilayat Khan. 6-30 Raftar-i-Zamana: Fortnightly review of current events in Hindustani. 6-45 Habib Ali Khan: Vichitra Veena. 7 For Villagers only. 8 Duets with dialogue. 8-15 March of Time: Fortnightly review of current events. 8-30 Shamshad Begam. 8-50 Afzal Husain. 10 Geet and Ghazalen. 10-35 Persian music.

Delhi II—Programme
60.48 metres (4,960 kc/s)
7 p.m. Sangit Sammelan. 8 to 10-30 As in Delhi 1.

Lahore Programme
276 metres (1,086 kc/s)
6-10 p.m. Mushtaq A Sheikh. 6-30 For the Countryside. 7-15 Jameelabai of Cawnpore. 7-30 Adabi Be-Adabian. 5: Talk in Hindustani. 7-45 Badr-ul-Nisa Begam. 8 Latla: Play in Hin. 8-50 Jameelabai. 9-50 Jameelabai. 10 Dance Music.

Bombay I & II Programmes
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
31.4 metres (9,550 kc/s)
8 a.m. Keep fit. 8-10 Indian music. 8-15 News in Marathi. 8-20 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 8-40 As in Delhi 2. 8-40 News in Hin. 8-59 News in Eng. 9 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 11-30 to 12-57 As in Delhi 2. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1 to 1-30 As in Delhi 2. 1-30 News in Eng. 1-35 to 2 As in Delhi 2.
244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
5 p.m. to 5-25 As in Delhi 2. 5-25 News in Mara. 5-30 News in Guja. 5-35 to 6 As in Delhi 2. 6 News in Eng. 6-5 News in Hin. 6-10 to 7-30 As in Delhi 2. 7-30 Commercial news. 7-45 Recorded music. 7-55 News in Marathi. 8-10 News in Gujarati. 8-25 to 9 As in Delhi 2. 9 News in Hin. 9-20 News in Eng. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 to 10-30 As in Delhi 2. 10-30 News in English.

Dacca—Programme
257.1 metres (1,167 kc/s)
5 p.m. Sarod Solo. 5-10 Nirmal Bhattacharya. 5-25 Nutu Mukerjee. 5-50 Screen Parade. 6-5 Toyland or Khelaghar: Prog. for children. 7 Kalyani Das. 7-15 Nirmal Bhattacharya. 7-30 Promodebala. 7-45 Tittle, Tattle. 4: Talk in Bengali. 8 Kalyani Das. 8-10 Milan Pathe. 9-5 Promodebala. 9-45 Mute Delight. 10 Nutu Mukerjee.

Calcutta I—Programme
(Add 24 minutes for Calcutta time)
370.4 metres (810 kc/s)
5 p.m. For the Countryside. 5-50 Ashalata Roy. 6-5 Abdul Aziz Khan. 6-25 Monorama. 6-40 Niroda Kanta Lahiri Chowdhuri: Sitar. 7-5 With the Gipsies. 7-45 Improve your Bengali. 5: Talk in Bengali. 8 Just a surprise. 8-15 Rathin Chatterjee. 9 Cecil Johnson. 9-55 Dance music.

Calcutta II—Programme
61.98 metres (4,840 kc/s)
5 p.m. to 10-30 As in Calcutta 1.

Lucknow Programme
393.5 metres (1,022 kc/s)
6-10 p.m. Kumari Protima Rani Ghosh. 6-18 Badrbai of Multan. 6-30 Hamara Panchayetghar: For rural areas. 7 Gat Eman on Clarionet. 7-5 Dak ka Thaila. 7-20 Kumari Protima Rani Ghosh. 7-30 Universal Brotherhood: Talk in Hindustani. 7-48 Badrbai. 8 Aiena: Play in Hindustani. 8-25 Pani Bhare Ri: Dadra. 8-30 Metals that matter. 3: Talk. 8-45 Badrbai. 9-45 Recorded music. 9-50 Chorus music.

Madras I—Programme
211 metres (1,420 kc/s)
4 p.m. A programme for women (Eng.) 4-30 Dancing through the Alphabet. 5 Instrumental music. 5-20 G. Papialinga Devara, Flute. 6-5 Shrimati Meenakshi Ramakrishnan. 6-30 K. G. Sampath Kumaracharlar. 7 Fine Arts: Please everybody: Talk in Telugu. 7-10 Interlude. 7-50 L. Muthiah Bhagavatar: Classical songs. 9 From the Mess: The Army: Talk. 9-10 Interlude.

Madras II—Programme
60.98 metres (4,920 kc/s)
4 p.m. to 6-5 As in Madras 1. 6-5 For rural areas. 6-40 to 9-30 As in Madras 1. 9-30 A Symphony Concert. 9-55 Dame Clara Butt, Contralto. 10-5 Symphony Concert (Contd.)

Trichy Programme
396 metres (758 kc/s)
5 p.m. Instrumental overture. 5-20 Shrimati S. P. Hamsa Damayanti. 5-45 Tunes from the Talkies. 6-5 For the Villages. 6-30 Alathur Brothers. 7-15 Learn to Sing. 7-50 A Narayana Iyer. Gottuvadyam. 8-30 Sangita Ragalai: Farce. 8-45 Alathur Brothers. 9-45 A. Narayana Iyer: Gottuvadyam.

RAILWAY TIME TABLE

G. I. P. Railway

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Calcutta Mail (Chheoki)	9-40	20-10
Madras Mail	6-00	22-10
Peshawar-Lucknow (Express)	6-15	22-30
Calcutta Mail (Express)	9-10	17-40
Madras Express	10-15	14-25
Poona Mail	10-30	17-30
Punjab Mail	12-35	17-20
Nagpur Express	15-00	20-55
Poona Fast Passenger	16-50	11-50
Poona Express	19-32	8 05
Allahabad Express	21-00	6-15

B. B. and C. I. Railway.

	Arr. H.M.	Dep. H.M.
Ahmedabad Passenger	5-35	13-50
Delhi Express	6-00	22-15
Kathiawar Mail	6-45	21-30
Gujarat Mail	7-25	22-00
Frontier Mail	8.15 (Mon)	21-15 (Sat)
*The Flying Ranee Surat	9-48	15-10
The Flying Ranee Surat	10-58	18-05
Ahmedabad Passenger	14-15	22-30
Kathiawar Express	18-45	9-45
Baroda Passenger	20-37	9-25

*If Monday is a Bank Holiday this train will run on Tuesday.

Arrivals at Ballard Pier

Frontier Mail (on Saturday only) for London 8-40

SUGAR MARKET
Bombay, March 1.
Fine White Java Sugar:—Per. Cwt.
Ready (Small Grain) Rs. 18-6-0
Ready (Large Grain) Rs. 18-8-0
Shipment January Rs. 8-6-0 F. B. H.
Shipment February Rs. 8-6-0 F. B. H.
Shipment March Rs. 8-8-0 F. B. H.
Shipment September Rs. 8-6-0 F. B. H.
Indian Sugars Ready:—
Ready (Ordinary) Rs. 17-14-0 to Rs. 18-2-0
Ready (Large Grain) Rs. 18-2-0 to Rs. 18-10 0
Tone:—Steady

Hedging And Liquidation On New York Cotton Exchange

IMPROVED DEMAND FOR COTTON GOODS

Scattered Trade Support

Bombay, March 1
On Thursday prices on the New York Cotton Exchange sagged for near months. The market was inactive and narrow with traders apathetic despite reports of improved demand for cottongoods.

NEW YORK MARKET

The market opened steady. After early steadiness on Bombay and Liverpool cables and Spot house buying, prices sagged slightly on hedging and long liquidation meeting scattered trade support. Spots continue quiet with current business largely confines to selling of old commitments. The market closed steady.

American cotton prices are stabilised around present levels and there being nothing in the general situation to induce enterprise, there continues utter absence of professional activity. The statistical position is very strong with scarcity of class cotton and contracts but around 11.25 there is also fear of increased repossession of loan cotton. Thus from a speculative point of view the market is becoming unattractive However, as pointed out before distant months as the approach period of maturity, prices will come in line with Spot cotton and to this extent cotton is a purchase.

At the opening March was quoted 3 points up at 11.13 and improved to 11.14 which was the highest level. Later on There was some selling and prices declined to 11.07 which proved to be the low point for the day. The market closed at a net decline of 3 points to unchanged. Spot cotton prices declined 3 points at 11.20c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet and closed at a decline of 1 to 3 points. Spot cotton prices declined 2 points at 10.80c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL MARKET

The Liverpool cotton futures market opened at a decline of 3 points with March 7.87. There was liquidation and hedging which was absorbed by local operators. Intensification of hostilities is apparently, necessary to revive speculative enthusiasm in view of ampleness of stocks. Later on there was Bombay buying of distant positions and later March liquidation and American selling in January. The market closed at a decline of 3 points for near months while distants improved one point. Middling American Spot cotton price declined 8 points at 8.04d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON

Egyptian cotton ring was again quiet. Uppers futures declined 9 to 2 points and Giza futures closed 3 points down to 6 points up.

The Alexandria cotton market was quiet. Sakels declined 7 to 10 points and Ashmouni futures closed one point lower.

PRIVATE CABLES—
New York March highest (10-10 a.m.) ..... 11.14+04
New York March lowest (11.15 p.m.) ..... 11.07—03
Liverpool March highest ..... 7.91+01
Liverpool March lowest ..... 7.86—04

Messrs. Devkaran Nanjee have received the following cables from their New York friends:—

"Market more reactionary less trade demand foreign buying chief support favour sales on bulges."

"Cotton with unfavourable domestic textile situation expect gradual reaction possibly fifty points."

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Further domestic mill fixations causing steadiness.

NEW YORK COTTON
(New Contracts)

	New York, Feb 29
March	11.25—03
May	10.97—02
July	10.63—01
October	9.83
December	9.69—01

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Feb 29
March	11.70—03
May	10.83—03
July	10.49—01
October	9.83—
Middling Spot	11.20—03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

	New York, Feb 29
March	11.20—03
May	10.95—01
July	10.58—02
Middling Spot	10.80—02

NEW YORK COTTON

	New York, Feb 29 11 a.m. rates	Noon call.
March	11.10	11.11
May	10.87	10.88
July	10.50	10.51

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS
New York, Feb 29
Bales.
Day's receipts at all U S Ports 20,000
Day's exports to Great Britain ..... nil.
Day's exports to the Continent 10,000
Day's exports to China and Japan ..... nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON
Liverpool, Feb 29

March	7.87—03
April	7.93—01
May	7.97
June	7.99
July	8.02+01
August	7.9+01
September	7.94+01
October	7.86+01
November	7.82+02
December	7.80+01
January	7.78
February	7.75
March	7.73
May	7.68+02
July	7.62+03
Middling Spot	8.04—08
	10-45 a.m. quotations
March	7.88
May	7.95

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 1
Following a decline of 3 points in New York cotton futures, the local market was expected to open at Rs. 274 for Broach A/M delivery but the market was influenced by weakness of sterling in term of dollar and Broach A/M delivery after opening at Rs. 274/8 advanced to Rs. 275 on scattered buying. Later on there was general selling on fears of strike in Bombay cotton mills and in the absence of buying prices declined to Rs. 270/4. The tone of the market was unsettled.

Later on there was further selling and prices declined to Rs. 269/8. At this level there was scattered covering and prices steadied at Rs. 270/8. Liverpool market opened at a decline of 2 points and in the local market Broach was quoted at Rs. 271. Later Liverpool was 6 points down and Broach stood at Rs. 270. The market again declined to Rs. 269 and finally closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

F G M G Broach:—	
April/May	Rs. 268 8 0
July/August	277 0 0
March	236 12 0
Fine M G Oomra:—	
May	240 12 0
July	245 4 0
March	198 8 0
F G M G Bengal:—	
May	201 8 0
July	264 12 0

Ready Cotton Quotations
Bombay, March 1

Bengal Fine	210-12
Punjab Fine	205-07
C. P. 1	258-61
C. P. 2	245-47
Berar	240-41
Khandesh	233-37
Jalna Sailu	235-37
Ahmednagar	235-37
Broach	271-75
Punjab 4 F	287-95
Punjab 289 F	325-30
Sindh N T	305-13

BANK OF ENGLAND WEEKLY RETURNS
London, Feb. 29.

	This Week £
Total bullion	1,200,000
Public deposits	45,700,000
(a) Other deposits	138,300,000
Government securities	127,100,000
(b) Other securities	25,000,000
Notes and coins	50,000,000
Notes in circulation	531,200,000
Ratio of reserve to liabilities	27.17 p.c.
(a) Other deposits include bankers	99,400,000
(b) Other securities include discount	2,800,000
Total deposits	184,000,000
Total securities	152,100,000

PRECIOUS METALS
Bombay, March 1.
The following are the weekly quotations for the Precious Metals:—
Platinum 100 per cent Rs. 70 per tola Elephant Brand.
Platinum 97 per cent Rs. 69 per tola Elephant Brand.
Platinum 25 per cent Rs. 20 per tola Anchor Brand.
Palladium 100 per cent Rs. 55 per tola.
Iridium 100 per cent Rs. 110 per tola.
Osmium 100 per cent Rs. 90 per tola.
Ruthenium 100 per cent Rs. 80 per tola.
Rhodium 100 per cent Rs. 220 per tola.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, March 1
Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. London Paris Exchange rate was 176 1/2 to 176 3/4. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 3.92 7/8 at London.

London silver prices improved 1/16d. at 20 1/2d. for Spot but forward quotation was unchanged at 20 7/16d. There was very small general business and the market was quietly steady. New York Spot silver was unchanged at 34 3/4 cents. Shanghai T T on London was quoted 4d. London Bombay Spot silver parity was Rs. 54-14-6 and forward parity was Rs. 64-12-0. Sovereigns were quoted at Rs. 27-9-6. The local market was quietly steady with scattered liquidation in silver but gold was firm on weakness of sterling. Quotations were as under:—

GOLD	
Ready	Rs. 42 11 0
Fagan	42 12 0
Chaitra	42 13 0
SILVER	
Ready	57 14 0
Fagan	57 13 0
Chaitra	81 1 0

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE.
Bombay, March 1
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
3 1/2 per cent Paper 92/12; 4 per cent 1560/70 107; 5 per cent 1945/55 112/6
BANKS
Bank of Baroda 102; Bank of Hindusthan 20/8; Bank of India 139; Central Bank 36/3; Imperial Bank F P 1498/12; Imperial Bank P P 364/6; Indian Overseas Bank 46/8; Reserve Bank 108; Union Bank 5/11/6
TEXTILES
Ahmd New Textiles 450; Ambica 365/10; Arun 217/8; Arvind 1330; Asok 217/8; Bharatkhand Textiles 2200; Bombay Dyeing 932/8; Buckingham and Carnatics 215; Calico 729/6; Central India 295; Century 298/2; Colaba 158/2; Elgin 155/10, Gokak 187/8; Hukumchand 165/10; Indore Malwa 38/12; Jubilee 262/8; Khatau Makanji 115/10; Kohinoor 391/14; Laxmi Cotton 502/8; Madhusudan 200; Marsden 105/10; Morarji 183/12; Mysore 105; Nandlal Bhandari 77/4; New Great 351/4; Raipur 700; Rajnagar 145; Sajjan 97/8; Sassoon and Alliance 88/4; Sholapur 4375; Simplex 108/2; Swadeshi 261/4; Vishnu 1395; Podar Mills 180
HYDRO ELECTRICS
Andhra Valley Ord 1547/8; Tata Hydro Ord 159/6; Tata Power Ord 1360
ELECTRICS
Ahmedabad Electrics 146/4; Ajmer Electrics 10/9; Amalgamated 10/8; Bombay Suburban 162/8; Bombay Tram 128/12; Jaigaon Electrics nil; Lahore Electrics 225; Surat Electrics 153
MISCELLANEOUS
Alcock Ashdown 482/8; Associated Cements 122; Belapur 215; Bombay Burma New 202/8; Bombay Burma Old 615/10; Bombay Steam 292/8; Bombay Telephone 88/8; Br. B. Petrol 4/14; Burma Corporation 7; Dalmia Cement 9/14; Indian Bleaching 117/8; Industrial Investment Tr 47; Indian Radio Ord 470; Indian Radio 447/8; Indian Copper 2/7; Indian Iron 37/15; Mysore sugar 42/8; Port Canning 74; Premier Construction 83; Rohtas Industries 21; Scindia Steam 18/6; Shivrajpur 46/8; Steel Corp of Bengal 21; Tata Oil 51/4; Tata Steel ordy 385; Tata Steel defd 2055
JUTES
Birla Jute 21/12; Howrah 55/8; Hukumchand 7/8; Kamarhatty 501; Kanknarrah 40/8; Lawrence 420; Reliance 60/8

BOMBAY METALS
Bombay, March 1

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 57 0 0
Copper sheets	Rs. 76 0 0

Tone:—Steady

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES

Bombay, March 1.
2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 96-8
3 per cent 1941 Bonds 101/12
3 per cent 1951/54 Bonds 97/4
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Note 92-15
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103-6
5 per cent 1960/70 Loan 106/14
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 105/4
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 112/12
5 per cent 1940/43 Bond 101/11
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 9.-8
TAX-FREE LUANS
5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 112/12
4 per cent 1953/65 Mysore 110/0
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 120/4
CORPORATION DEBENTURES
4 per cent B. P. T. 1974 105
4 per cent M. Deb. 1947 104/8
5 per cent M. Deb. 1959 115/0
6 per cent M. Deb. 1954 121/0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956 120/12
Tone—Very steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 1
B. C. RATES:—
T T D D 1/5 15/16 to 1st Sept.
LONDON:—
Bank's selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 to 1st September
Bank's buying T T 1/6 1/32 to 1st Sept.
Bank's buying D D 1/6 3/32 one month
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 7/32 One month.
Bank's buying 3 months 1/6 1/4 Two months.
NEW YORK:—
Bank's selling T T 333 1/2
Bank's buying T T 330
Bank's buying D D 328 1/2
PARIS:—
Bank's selling T T 1300
Bank's buying T T 1340
JAPAN:—
Bank's selling T T 80 1/2
Bank's buying T T 79 1/2
Bank's buying 60 days 78 1/2
AMSTERDAM:—
Bank's selling D D 55 1/8
JAVA:—
Bank's selling D D 84 5/8
HONGKONG:—
Bank's selling D D 83 7/8
SHANGHAI:—
Bank's selling D D 25 1/2
SINGAPORE:—
Bank's selling D D 157 3/4
CROSS RATE:—
Hongkong London 1/2 31/32 1st inst.
Shanghai London 0/4 3/8 1st inst.
Java London 7 46/64 1st inst.
New York London 3.92 3/4 29th ultimo
London New York 4.02 1/2—3 1/2 29th ultimo
London Paris 176 1/2—3/4 29th ultimo
London Italy 77.75 29th ultimo
London Belgium 23.70/85 29th ultimo
London Switzerland 17.85/95 29th ultimo
London Stockholm 16.85/95 29th ultimo
London Amsterdam 7.52/57 29th ultimo
London Japan 1/2 13/32 29th ultimo
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Dull
Gold £8-8-0 28th ultimo
Gold £8-8-0 29th ultimo
Silver London Ready 20 7/16 28th ultimo
Silver London Ready 20 1/2 29th ultimo
Silver London Forward 20 7/16 28th ultimo
Silver London Forward 20 7/16 29th ultimo
Silver New York Ready 34 3/4 28th ultimo
Sil New York Ready 34 3/4 29th ultimo
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 28th ultimo
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent 29th ultimo
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 28th ultimo
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/4 per cent 29th ultimo
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1 per cent.
3 months 1 3/4 per cent
6 months 1 3/4 per cent.
Tone:—Easy.

INDIAN STERLING LOANS.
London, Feb 29

3 per cent	80 1/2
3 1/2 per cent	93 1/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	102 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	107 3/4
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	111 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	113 1/2
5 per cent 1942/47	107
3 per cent 1949/52	97 3/4
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	74 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	99 3/8
4 per cent Funding loan 1960/90	112 3/4
Indian Iron and Steel New Ordinary	56/3

ALEXANDRIA COTTON
Alexandria, Feb 29

SAKELS—	
March	19.30—07
May	19.80—10
ASHMOUNI—	
April	17.87—1
June	18.07—1
GIZA—	
March	17.94—2
May	18.63—3

EGYPTIAN COTTON
Liverpool, Feb 29

UPPERS—	
Spot	10.12—8
March	9.86—9
May	10.05—3
July	10.16—3
October	10.18—2
December	10.16—2
January	10.15—2
GIZA 2—	
Spot	10.38—6
March	10.12—3
May	10.32—3
July	10.48—1
October	10.65—0
November	10.68+3
January	10.72+6

COTTON PARITY

Difference Broach A/M below May 167 penny points	Liverpool
Difference Broach J/A below July 153 penny points	Liverpool
Difference Broach A/M below New York May 27 cent points	
Difference Broach J/A above New York July 39 cent points	

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES
Bombay, Feb 29
Broach A/M highest 277 lowest 274 closing 276 1/2
Broach J/A highest 285 lowest 282 closing 284 1/2
Oomra March highest 244 lowest 241 closing 243
Oomra May highest 248 1/4 lowest 245 1/4 closing 247 1/2
Oomra July highest 251 3/4 lowest 248 3/4 closing 251
Bengal March highest 205 3/4 lowest 202 1/4 closing 204 1/2
Bengal May highest 208 3/4 lowest 205 3/4 closing 207 1/2
Bengal July highest 212 lowest 209 closing 210 3/4
Night session: Broach A/M opening Rs. 276 1/2, highest Rs. 276 1/2. lowest Rs. 274 1/2 closing Rs. 282 1/2.

LONDON SEEDS
London, Feb 29

Rozario Santa Fe March quoted	24
South Australian shipment fob parcels March quoted	26

LONDON GOLD
London, Feb 29

Gold Bars Fine per oz	£8-8-0

Smart Rise In Steel Shares

FEARS OF STRIKE TELL ON MILLS SHARES

Active Covering Meets Realising

Bombay, March 1.
Although there is nothing in the Central Budget to nourish optimistic feeling beyond removal of uncertainty, the local Share Bazar ruled showing to-day with active buying and professional covering The market was open for one hour and there being small participation by outside, prices jumped up on a small show of buying. There was some covering and the market displayed good undertone.

The Wall Street market after indecision, support for steel shares bolstered the remainder of the market which advanced fractionally on some short covering and a little new buying, the session closed steady. In the meanwhile more decisive developments are expected in Europe shortly by Wall Street operators and the firmness of some major commodities is attributed to foreign buying U. S. Steel Shares improved 3/4 at 68 1/4 Anaconda coppers gained 1/8 at 29 1/2 and general motors closed 1/8 down at 52 5/8 dollars.

The expected revenue of rupees three crores from the Excess Profits tax is believed to be less alarming by local operators but it is impossible to have any rough idea abcut total amount.

The Chief Centre of activity was Tata Steel Shares where local Bazar professional operators were covering their sales and the demand was moderately supplied at rising prices by recent buyers.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE.
Bombay, March 1
Bombay Dyeing (940) 947 945 957 952 953 942 935
Century (302) 310 304 306 298 299
Central India (298) 302 298 302 291 296
Kohinoor (380) 378 375 378 371 373
New Great (361) 364 362 365 352
Simplex (110/8) 111 110/8 108 109
Swadeshi (268) 270 268 263 268 262
Associated Cement (120) 122 123/8 122/8
Andhra (1540) 1550
Tram Ord (128/12) 129/9
Tata Hydro (159/8) 160
Tata Power (1367/8) 1370 1367 1372 1362
T Steel Defd (1990) 2030 2045 2037 2082 2080 2090 2067 2070 (2052)
T Steel Ord (375) 382 385 392 388 389 368 (386)
Tata Steel 2nd Pref (140/12) 141
Bellapur (213) 205 214 212 222 217/8
B Steam (291) 292 293
B Burma (605) 620 617 622 616 617

Then the market is getting balanced.

Tata Steel Dfds. opened at Rs. 2045 and during the first half hour prices fluctuated within a narrow range and Dfds. were at Rs. 2032/8 which was the lowest level. Later on there was general buying and active covering and a smart rise was registered and Defds. rose to Rs. 2095 at this level the rise was checked and finally closed at Rs. 2070. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 383/- and after declining to Rs. 381/1 advanced to Rs. 392/8 and closed at Rs. 388.

Cotton mill shares were moderately active. There being fears of strike buyers were cautious. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 947/8 and after advancing to Rs. 962/8 declinod to Rs. 935/- on general realising. Century shares closed at Rs. 299/- and Central Indias were closed at Rs. 296. Kohinoors which were firm yesterday also weakened to Rs. 373.

Associated Cement shares were steady at Rs. 122/- Bellapur Sugar shares gained Rs. 3/- at Rs. 216/- Bombay Burma shares also narrowed to Rs. 617/8.

After the close of the market, drop in cotton prices created uncertain feeling and Tata Steel Dfds. were nominally quoted Rs. 2,050/- and ordinary shares were quoted at Rs. 285.

TEXTILE SHARES

		Bombay, March 1.	
100	Ahmedabad Advance		310 0
250	BOMBAY DYEING		935 0
100	CENTURY		299 0
100	CENTRAL INDIA		296 0
100	COLOBA		159 0
100	Coorla		120 0
250	Davio		40 0
250	Dawn		390 0
1	E. D. Sassoon Def.		0-7-0
100	FINLAY		155 0
100	GOKAK		188 0
1000	Hindustan		1880 0
100	Indore		39 0
100	Khatau		115 10
100	KOHINOOR		373 0
250	Laxmi		505 0
250	Madras United		25 0
100	MORARJI		184 8
250	Model		0
60	MYSORE		0
200	NEW GREAT		352 0
100	Osmanshahi		55 0
100	Phoenix		270 0
25	SASSOON SILK		78 0
1000	Sholapur		3700 0
10	SIMPLEX		109 0
100	SWADESHI		262 0
100	SWAN		151 0
500	Vishnu		1300 0
1000	Western		900 0
	BANKS		
50-100	Baroda		102 0
250	Central		36 3
500	Imperial		1498 12
125-500	Imp. Conty.		364 6
50-100	India		139 0
100	Reserve Bank		109 0
5	Union		5 11 6
	CEMENTS		
100	ASSOCIATED		122 8
	INSURANCE		
100	Empire		630 0
15-100	Jupiter		9 8
20	Mercantile		49 0
17-75	New India		38 9
200	Oriental		4350 0
10-50	Vulcan		7 2
	ELECTRIC		
100	Ahmed. Old		145 10
1000	ANDHRA VALLEY		1550 0
10	Ajmer		10 4
50	BOMBAY TRAM		129 4
100	Bombay Suburban		162 8
10	Broach		11 8
100	Karachi		190 0
100	Poona		185 0
100	Surat		155 0
100	TATA HYDRO		160 0
100	TATA Power		1362 8
	RAILWAYS		
500	Ahmedabad Prantij		946 4
100	C. Province		97 0
100	Dh. Baramati		95 8
100	Gujarat		95 0
100	Mandra Bhon		91 5
100	Pachora Jamner		72 0
100	Sara Serajganj		97 0
500	Tapti Valley		755 0
	MININGS		
9	Burma Corpn.		7 0
8sh.	Indian Copper		2 7
10	Indian Iron and Steel		38 0
15	SHIVRAJPUR		47 0
30	TATA STEEL DEF.		2070 0
75	TATA STEEL ORD.		388 0
	MISCELLANEOUS		
100	ALCOCK		485 0
10	Air Services		5 0
50	BELAPUR SUGAR		216 0
200	Bombay Safe Dep.		606 4
250	BOMBAY STEAM		293 0
125	B. BURMA		293 0
50	B. BURMA CONT.		202 8
8sh.	Br. B. Petrol		4 14
50	BOMBAY TELEPHONE		89 0
100	IND. BLEACHING		118 0
50	Ind. Invest. Trust		45 0
100	Ind. Radio Def.		457 8
100	Indian Radio Ord.		470 0
100	Port Canning		74 0
30	PREMIER CON.		83-1/2
15	Scindia		18 5
25	Tata Oil Mill		51 8
100	Western I. Match		137 8
	PREFERENCE		
7	p.c. Andhra Valley		1405 0
6	p.c. Bombay Steam		281 8
7	p.c. Bombay Tram (T.F.)	X.D.	73 4
6	1/4 p.c. Prem Const. 1st		108 0
6	1/4 p.c. Prem. Const. 2nd		101 8
6	p.c. Tata Hydro		142 8
7	1/2 p.c. Tata Power

Public Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the certificates in respect of One Bank of India, Ltd. shares No. 83626 standing in the name of Mansukhlal Vithaldas Tolat have been LOST or MISLAID. The public are hereby warned not to deal with the said shares in any way.

Any claim in respect of these shares should be notified to the Bank within one month from the date hereof, otherwise a duplicate certificate will be issued thereafter.

Dated, 2nd March, 1940.

(Sd.) MANSUKHLAL VITHALDAS TOLAT.

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EMPIRE OF INDIA LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

BOMBAY.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy numbered **115448** on the life of Rustom Framji Nariman of Bombay, a fresh policy in lieu thereof will be issued unless objection is lodged with the Company within one month from this date.

Bombay, 29th February, 1940.

F. E. ALLUM.
Manager.

(2056)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA.

THE BANK will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 7th March, 1940, this day being a Public Holiday (MAHA SHIVRATRI) under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881.

A. McCULLOCH,
Secretary & Treasurer.

Bombay, 27th February, 1940.

(2042)

CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY

NOTICE

THE SENATE will proceed in the month of August, 1940, to the election of a Tagore Professor of Law for a term of one year, to commence on the 1st August, 1941.

The salary of the Professorship is Rs. 9,000 per annum and the Professor will be expected to deliver a course of NOT LESS THAN TWELVE LECTURES on one of the following subjects:—

(i) Law of Insurance with special reference to British India.
(ii) Moslem Law of Wakf and Endowments.
(iii) The Law of Landlord and Tenant with special reference to Bengal.

The salary of the Professor will be paid in twelve *equal monthly instalments*, the first instalment to be paid on the first day of the month following that in which the first lecture is delivered.

Candidates for the Professorship are required TO FORWARD THEIR APPLICATIONS TO THE REGISTRAR ON OR BEFORE THE 1ST MAY, 1940, stating on which of the above-named three subjects they are prepared to lecture. Each candidate will forward, with his application, ONE HUNDRED COPIES OF A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF HIS PROPOSED lectures and, if he so pleases, THE SAME NUMBER OF COPIES OF HIS INTRODUCTORY LECTURE.

The Professor will, not later than the month of August following his election, forward to the Registrar a complete copy (manuscript or typewritten) of the lectures which he proposes to deliver. The copy will be forthwith referred by the Faculty of Law to a Committee of not more than three persons to be selected for their special competence in this behalf, who will examine the same, and, before the expiry of two months from the date of the submission of the copy by the Professor to the Registrar, report to the Faculty whether the work is complete and ready for the Press. If upon such report, the Faculty are satisfied that the work is complete, the Professor will commence to deliver his lectures within three months from the date of the resolution of the Faculty and shall complete the delivery thereof in another three months. The copy of the lectures delivered will remain in the custody of the Registrar and shall be sent to the Press, as soon as practicable, after delivery thereof.

If the Professor fails to submit the copy of the lectures, or if the copy submitted be found, on examination, to be incomplete and not ready for the Press, the matter will be referred to the Faculty of Law, upon whose recommendation the Senate may either extend the time or cancel the appointment.

J. CHAKRAVORTI,
Registrar.

Senate House,
The 21st February, 1940.

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON 11 POINTS DOWN

Stocks And Gilt-Edgeds Fairly Steady

POOR DEMAND FOR SILVER AT HOME

BOMBAY: March 1.

THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE EASINESS IN NEW YORK COTTON TO-DAY, FOLLOWING THE DISCOURAGING OVERSEAS CABLES DESPITE THE IMPROVED TEXTILE SITUATION AT HOME.

DURING NIGHT SESSION MOVEMENTS IN BROACH WERE NARROW AND THE MARKET CLOSED AT RS. 270 FOR APRIL/MAY.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE WAS FAIRLY STEADY WITH GILT-EDGED SECURITIES ATTRACTING GOOD SUPPORT. SILVER DECLINED ON SPECULATIVE SELLING.

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MAY 1940

New York: March 1.

Previous closing	10.83
To-day's opening	10.86
Difference	—3
To-day's closing	10.72
Difference	—.11

BROACH EXPECTATION

Broach April/May	Rs. 268 0 0
Broach July/August	Rs. 276 0 0

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MAY 1940

Liverpool: March 1.

Previous closing	7.97
To-day's opening	7.95
Difference	—2
To-day's closing	9.94
Difference	—3

N. Y COTTON MARKET

New York: March 1.

The trading in May began at 10.80, i. e. 3 points lower than the last closing. Prices fell under lower Liverpool cables and local and outside liquidation, while later prices eased further on renewed foreign pressure and liquidation with May declining to 10.75.

BOMBAY COTTON

Night Session.

Bombay: March 1.

The local Cotton Market opened with Broach April/May quoting at Rs. 270. After advancing to Rs. 271/8 the rate declined to Rs. 269 and then finally closed at Rs. 270. July/August closed at Rs. 278.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York: March 1.

Following were the opening ranges on New York Cotton Exchange:—

March (11.13/13) 11.02/02
May (10.89/89) 10.80/80
July (10.51/51) 10.46/46

Liverpool Cotton

Liverpool: March 1.

American March (7.90) 7.84
American May (7.98) 7.94
Giza March (10.13) 10.17
Giza May (10.33) 10.27

LONDON COMMODITIES

London: March 1

SEEDS.

Castorseeds March/April (£20 5/8 quoted) £20 5/8 quoted
Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£18 3/8 quoted) £18 3/8
Linseed La Plata March/April (£15 3/8 quoted) £15 3/8 quoted
Groundnuts Coromandal March/April (£15 quoted) £15 quoted

JUTES.

Dundee February (£56) £56
Lightning February (£52) £52

RUBBER

Spot (12 5/8d paid and value) 12 9/16d paid and value
Forward May (11 13/16d paid and buyers) 11 7/8d paid and buyers

METALS

Tin (£254 buyers; £254 1/2 sellers. Firm) £252 3/4 buyers; £253 1/4 sellers. Quiet
Electrolytic Copper (£62) £62.
Lead Foreign Cash (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (111 sh.) 111 sh.

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York: March 1.

Previous closing	3.92 7/8
To-day's opening	1.52 5/8

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London: March 1.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

T. T. LONDON ON PARIS

London: March 1.

Previous closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's opening	176 1/2 to 176 3/4
To-day's closing	176 1/2 to 176 3/4

LONDON SILVER CABLE

London: March 1.

The following cable regarding London Silver Market was received here to-day:—

Speculators sold. Demand poor. Business small. Market steady.

LONDON SILVER

London: March 1.

Spot (29 1/2d) 29 3/16d —6/16
Forward (29 7/16d) 29 1/4d —3/16

LONDON GOLD

London: March 1.

Gold Bars Fine per ounce (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

London: March 1.

London Exchange opened with the sterling dollar at 4.02.50 to 4.03.50 which is officially fixed rate

Franc was officially fixed at 178.50 to 176.75

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1/6) 1/6
Paris on Bombay (13.24 5/8) 13.24 5/8
New York on Bombay (30.33) 30.32
London on Milan (77.75) 77.50
London on Shanghai (0-4 to 0-4 3/8) 0-4 to 0-4 3/8
London on Kobe (1-2 1/4 to 1-3 11/32) 1-2 5/16 to 1-2 13/32

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent
6 months (1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/8 to 1 1/4 per cent

WHEAT AND SEEDS

Latest Night Quotations

Bombay: March 1.

Wheat May	4 5 6
Wheat September	4 7 6
Linseed May	9 0 3
Linseed September	7 6 6
Groundnuts May	39 5 6
Castorseeds May	50 0 0
Cottonseeds May	20 6 0

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Night Quotations.

Bombay: March 1.

Silver Ready	57 12 0
Silver Mahs	58 0 0
Silver Fagan	58 4 0
Gold Ready	42 9 0
Gold Mahs	42 11 0
Gold Fagan	42 12 6
Sovereigns	27 9 0

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York: March 1.

The following are the opening quotations:—

General Motors (dol 52 7/8) dol 53 5/8
Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 29 3/4) dol 29 5/8
U S Steel Common (dol 58 1/4) dol 57 7/8
U S Steel Pref (unquoted) unquoted

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Profit-taking In Steels At Higher Levels

CALCUTTA: March 1.

Jutes: This section ruled steady without much business passing through. Coals were easier. Teas were more or less neglected. In Miscellaneous, both Indian Irons and Steel Corporation of Bengal Ord issues opened strong on fresh buying support and prices appreciated substantially over yesterday's levels. This upward trend however lasted till mid-day when again profit-takers appeared and dropped down prices by about a rupee in each case. Among others Titaghur Papers were further marked up to Rs. 33, Assam Saws to Rs. 3/2 and Dunlop Rubber Ord to Rs. 27/4.

Government Securities: 3 per cent Loan 1941 101/10; 3 per cent Paper 80/8 s o l; 3 1/2 per cent Paper 93/2; 4 per cent Loan 1960/70 106/14 s l; 5 per cent Loan 1945/55 112/8.

Banks: Imperial fully paid 1501/8 s l; Central 35/8; Reserve 108/8.

Railways: Hoshiarpur Doab 94; Mymensingh Bhairab Guar 92 s l.

Cotton: New Victoria 1/6.

Coals: Bokaro and Ramgur 16/8; Churulia 2/1; Ghusick and Muslia 4; Kusrdi 2/14; New Beerbhoom 17; Sendra 13/10; Talcher 1/11.

Jutes: Anglo-India 394; Baily 247; Birla 23; Budge-Budge 762; Belvedere 407; Delta 437/8; Gourepore 704; Howrah 66/4; Hukumchand 7/14; India 351; Kamarhatty 522; Naskarpara 16/4; National 26; Nuddea 64; Presidency 6; Reliance 62.

Miscellaneous: Burman Corporation 7 c div; Consolidated Tin 4/13; Rhodesia Copper 1/7; Indian Copper 2/8; Tavoy Tin 1/15; Bengal Chemical Ordy 358; Pref 16/2; Bengal Tele Pref 13; Braithwaite 9/4; Burn ord 368 c t s l; Hukumchand Steel ord 7/14; Indian Iron and Steel 87/14; Indian St Wagon ord 137/8; Kumardhubi Eng ord 5/7; Steel Corporation ord 21/2; Pref 161/8 s l; B I Corporation ord 4/11; Dunlop Rubber ord 27/8; 2nd Pref 107; Indian Cables 12/8; Indian National Airways Prefd ord 10; British Burma Petrol 4/13; Bengal Paper ord 120; India Paper Pulp 140; Orient Paper 8/1; Titaghur Prefd ord 5 and 'B' ord 32/9; Midnapore Zemindary 79 s l; Assam Sawa 3/8; Bairampore 9/4 s l; Cawnpore 21/12 s l.

Debentures: 6 1/4 per cent 1950/60 Calcutta Municipal 118 c t s l; 3 1/4 per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 98/8 s o l.—A. P.

KARACHI PRODUCE MARKET

KARACHI: March 1.

To-day's closing quotations:—

Sind Cotton March 26/12/6; May 26/13/6; Punjab March 21/2; May 21/5; 4 F March 30/3/9; May 30/6. Quiet.

Wheat May 29/14/3; July 31/5/3. Quiet.

Gram July 31/0/6.

Toria March 43/2/6; May 44/2.

Cottonseed March 22/12; May 23/14/6.

MADRAS SHARE MARKET

MADRAS: March 1.

Fair activity was noticeable in the local market where the Government of India Budget was received favorably. Certain Sugar shares came in for good buying. Planting shares were steady and Cotton mills remained unchanged. Among other Miscellaneous shares Papers and Engineerings remained firm.

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS

Indian Bank 24; Ranga Vilas 40; Buckinghams 214 c d; March 214 and 215 c d; Cochin Malabars 5/8 c d; 2/12 paid; 5/3 c d o l; Tropical Plantations 15/8 s l; Hallyburis Tea 13; Vellamalai Tea 10/4; Vellamattam Rubber 15/8 c d; Travancore Rubber 6/8 s l; Mlamallay Tea 18/12; East Tanjore Electrics 128/8; Trichy Srirangam 15/12, 16/2; Deccan Sugar 43/4, 43/8 (100); Paid 188, 189; Mysore Sugar 42/8, 42/4; Travancore Sugar 13, 13/8; Peypore Sugar 6/5; Mysore Paper 12/4 s o l, 13/4.

ADVICE TO MOTOR OWNERS

The Motor Vehicles Act, 1939, and the rules under it will be completely operative in Bombay Province from April 1 next. From that date provision is being made for the regulation and control of transport vehicles by Regional Transport Authorities with headquarters at Bombay, Ahmedabad Poona, Nasik and Belgaum.

As the decentralisation of records from Bombay to the various regional headquarters is now in progress and will take some little time to complete, motor owners are requested to refrain from remitting to the Head Police Office, Bombay, any payments of tax due for the financial year 1940/41—that is for the April to June quarter and onwards—until April 1. After that date only owners residing in Bombay City, the Bombay Suburban District and the districts of Thana and Kolaba will be dealt with by the staff of that office.

The addresses of the regional officers at Ahmedabad Poona, Nasik and Belgaum with which other owners in the mofussil should transact their business will be communicated to the public some time towards the end of March.

In order that owners may not be put to inconvenience through having to join in a general scramble to pay their motor tax during the first 15 days of April, which is the normal grace period allowed by the rules the Government has extended the grace period for the next quarter up to April 30.

Mr. C. H. Reynolds has been appointed Secretary to the Bombay Provincial Transport Authority, and other police officers have been made executive officers of the Regional Transport Authorities.

Mr. E. Sheehy will be the executive officer of the Bombay Regional Authority, in addition to his duties as Deputy Commissioner in charge of the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department, Bombay. Mr. Muhammad Shariff Khan Haniff Khan, will be the executive officer for the Gujarat authority, with headquarters at Ahmedabad; Mr. D. W. B. Carnaghan for the North Deccan (Nasik); Mr. J. Abernethy for the South Deccan (Poona); and Mr. A. W. S. Barnard for the Karnatak (Belgaum).

3½ P.C. STERLING LOAN

London: March 1.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £93 1/8

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

INDIAN LOANS

London: March 1.

3 per cent Indian Stock (£97 3/4) £97 3/4
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock (£93 1/4) £93 1/2
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950/55 (£111 1/2) £111 1/8
4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1958/68 (£113 1/2) £113 1/2
4 per cent Indian Stock 1948/53 (£107 3/4) £107 3/4
5 per cent Indian Stock 1942/47 (£107) £107
3 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1954/58 (£102 3/4) £102 3/4

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 (£107) £107

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£74 3/8) £73 7/8 ex-div)
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£98 7/8) £98 7/8
4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£101 5/8) £101 5/8
4 per cent Funding Loan (£112 3/4) £112 7/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£99 3/8) £99 3/8
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds (£110) £110 1/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors (11-6) 12-0
Marks and Spencer Ordinary (54-0) 53-9
Hydro Electric (dol 5) dol 5-0
Electric Music Industry (8-9) 9-0
Brinchin Johnson (33-0) 33-3
Imperial Chemicals (33-0) 33-0
Woolsworth New Ordinary (65-3) 64-3
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rates 1937 (£38) £38 1/4
Dunlop Rubber (34-3) 33-9
Unilever Ordinary (33-0) 32-7 1/2
Ford Motors (17-9) 17
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary (£63 1/2) £63
British American Tobacco Ordinary (104-6) 104-4 1/2
Carreas 'A' (£6 1/8) £6
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (128-7 1/2) 128-3
P and O Def (23-6) 23-6
Distillers (68-6) 67-9
Bredfords Dye (6-10 1/2) 6-10 1/2
British Celanese (8-9) 8-7 1/2
J and P Coates Ordinary (38-4 1/2) 37 7 1/8
Courtaulds Ordinary (38-1 1/2) 37-10 1/2
Fine Cotton Spinners (6-3) 6-3
Pickers Limited Ordinary (31-1 1/2) 31-9
Inter Nickel (dol 47) dol 47
Indian Iron (56-3) 57-6

TEA SHARES

Assam (18-9) 18-9
Donara Tea (32-6) 32-6
Empire of India (26-4 1/2) 26-0

JUTES

Barnagore (£9 1/4) £9 1/4

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (26-9) 26-9
Gula Kelampong (22-3) 21-10 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv Trust (34-3) 34-3

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (31-3) 31-3
Burma Corporation (9-9) £10
Rio Tintos (£15 1/4) £15 1/4
East Rand Properties (47-6) 47-6
Rand Mines (£7 1/8) £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown (£13 7/8) £13 1/4
Associated Portland Cement (87-6) 86-7 1/2
Trinidad Leasehold (78-9) 78-9
Sub Nigel (£9 1/2) £9 3/8
Spring Mines Split Shares (26-3) 26-10 1/2
Union Corporation (£7) £7

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (26-3) 25-3
Anglo Indian (58-1 1/2) 57-6
Burma Oil (72-6) 72-6
Mexican Eagle (6-4 1/2) 6-10 1/2
Shell Transport (31-3) 31-10 1/2
Royal Dutch (£33 1/2) £33 3/4

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary (£46 1/4) £46 1/2
London Midland Ordinary (£20 1/4) £19 5/8
London North Eastern Def (£3 1/4) £3 7/8
London Southern Def (£19 5/8) £19 5/8
London Transport 5 per cent (£119 1/2) £119 1/2
London Transport 'C' (£47) £47

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED

Bombay: March 1.

Norwegian s s Henrick of 761 reg tons Capt J Sorlie arrived from Bhavnagar with general cargo.

SAILED

Lionel Edward's American s s Excellency Capt J V Redmond sailed for Calcutta with general cargo.

Anchor Line Dutch s s Columbia Capt A Broner sailed for New York with general cargo.

Shaw Wallace and Co's Dutch s s Olympia Capt A Lorentsen sailed for Boston with general cargo.

EXPORTS

Bombay: March 1.

1480 bales raw cotton Volkart Bros; 3380 bls raw cotton T M Kaisha Ltd; 610 bags linseed oil cakes exp Tejpidas Khimji; 60 bls wool raw M B Sait and Co; 107 bls cotton waste M Chandulal and Co; 25 bls cotton twist waste M Chandulal and Co; 80 bales cotton twist waste L G Vora; 216 bls cotton waste L G Vora; 40 bls cotton waste Bapt T Products (India) Ltd; 23 bls D/o goat skins D Abraham and Sons; 1800 bags groundnut kernels E Gokalchand; 329 bags rum M J Mowis and Sons; 220 bags gum N Muljee and Co; 1940 bags mustard seed Volkart Bros; 6480 bags groundnut oil cake exp H Rawjee and Co; 1995 bags castor seed M B Kaisha Ltd; 945 bls raw cotton B Cursondas and Co; 376 bls raw cotton The Patel Cotton Co Ltd; 1382 bags mustard seed G Gokalchand; 174 bags turmeric G Gokalchand; 200 bls raw cotton M Fulchally and Co.

IMPORTS

Bombay: March 1.

1943 bls printing paper; 2219 bags asbestos fibre sheets; 180 bags mfd Naxos Emery; 84 cases alimentary preserves; 126 cases coral wastes; 300 cases wire nails; 14,692 pieces pine rough boards; 55 c/s cigarette paper; 90 cases spun silk yarn; 61 casks white lead; 1200 bags marble chips; 140 bottles mercury; 80 cases machinery; 70 bls cotton tissues mxd with art silk; 195 cases rayon yarn; 50 bags graphite; 30 cases iron umbrella ribs; 800 carboys acetic acid; 50 pieces carriage waggon axles; 1519 pieces steel tubes; 427 bdls steel tubes; 567 pieces rough marble slabs; 107 D/bags Galla nuts; 437 bgs almonds; 90 bls art printing paper; 1415 c/s art silk yarn; 92 cases hemp twine; 180 D Jute Volkardoi; 31 cases glass beads; 40 c/s Vermouth; 2105 bls cotton; 144 cases aluminium disel; 239 drums aniline colours; 43 casks synthetic colours; 29 c/s saffron; 98 cases sodium acetate; 541 drums bleaching powder; 150 bags salt cake; 195 cases harmless chemicals; 31 cases cotton piecegoods; 50 barrels hydrosulphite sodium; 50 brls chlorate potasse; 94 bls cotton and woollen rugs; 583 boxes tin plates; 1000 bdls rubber; 37 cases ghee; 192 bdls Douglas fir lumber; 5896 pieces Douglas fir lumber; 110 c/s canned salmon; 100 cases salmon tails; 110 drums zinc chloride; 390 bags borax; 211 tins veg oil; 379 bags spicauls; 589 bags copra; 61 bales mattress fibre; 2788 bags China clay; 30 bales cotton hosiery waste; 37 logs mattchwood; 1305 bags cocoanuts; 117 slabs wooden planks; 11503 pieces and bdls teak wood 1991 bdls coir rope; 1500 bdls coir yarn; 669 bags cocoanut oil cakes.

FAMINE RELIEF IN JODHPUR

Reviewing the working of the Famine Relief Operations from August to December, 1939, Dewan Bahadur Thakore Madho Singhji Minister-in-Charge, Famine Operations in his report states that in this comprehensive scheme of relief measures estimated to cost nearly Rs. 70 lakhs it has been possible to give employment on an average to over 65,000 persons daily through the 9x6 relief works sanctioned under the civil agency and the 75 major projects under the P.W.D. These works are estimated to cost Rs. 6,08,351 and Rs. 23,85,684 respectively. The total expenditure on civil works has been Rs. 2,94,802 upto December, 1939 and the total estimated expenditure on P.W.D. road works Rs. 13,00,000.

For the relief of cattle 3,05,810 maunds of fodder has been imported and supplied at the 86 Cheap Fodder Depots in operation and a further supply of nearly 5 lakh maunds of "bhusa" hay and "karbi" from Sind, Agra Gwalior, Jhansi and Indore is to continue till the end of July. The fodder supply arrangement will cost over Rs. 16 lakhs.

BOMBAY PORT HAJ COMMITTEE

The term of the Bombay Port Haj Committee expires on May 26 next. The Bombay Government has, therefore, directed the Commissioner of Police to take steps for the constitution of a new committee.

The Committee will consist of 19 members—seven to be nominated by Government; two to be elected by the elected Muslim members of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay; six to be elected by an electorate consisting of the elected Muslim members of the Bombay Legislature, the Muslim members of the Central Legislature elected by the constituencies in the Province of Bombay and the elected Muslim members of the Bombay Medical Council, and the remaining four to be co-opted by the elected members of the Committee.

The last day for receiving nomination papers is Friday, March 15, and the last day for receiving voting papers is Wednesday, April 17. The election will take place on April 18.

An elected member of the Port Haj Committee need not necessarily be a member of the electorate which chooses him. Any two electors have the right to nominate a person as a candidate if he is not under 21 years of age and is not otherwise disqualified under the rules.

LIMITED BUSINESS IN SUGAR

Bombay, Feb. 28.

JAVA SUGAR.

Since our last review, local market for ready Java sugar has remained steady and prices on the whole have advanced about 2 annas per cwt. as compared with the closing quotation of the last week. Improvement in ready is mainly due to rumours about the increase of Excise and Import Duty in the Budget. As regards forward positions, there has been a decline of 3 annas in March and 1 anna in September. Decline has been bigger in March as compared with September owing to March liquidation and transfer of March purchases to September which has widened to 2 annas from par during the last week. Business was very restricted as there is hardly any buying interest in forward owing to possibility of increase in Import Duty in the Budget. Java market has in the meantime, remained dull and stagnant in absence of demand from foreign markets, although Exporters in Java are prepared to sell even at a concession in their limits. Locally there has been limited turnover between dealers and outsiders and at the close, tone was steady as March liquidation is practically over and there are few sellers at current rates. Undertone was quite uncertain.

INDIAN SUGAR

Market for ready has remained steady with an improvement of 2 to 3 annas per md. as compared with last week. Rise has been mainly due to good demand for ready for storing on rumours about rise in Excise Duty in the Budget on 29th inst. Southern Indian Mills were steady sellers during the week and have sold fair quantities for ready despatch on the basis of Rs. 13/8 Mahrasha Specials subject to increase in Excise Duty if any in the Budget to be paid by sellers in case of delay in despatch by the Mills. There was no interest in forward as most of the Mills were not prepared to accept business and preferred to wait until the announcement in the Budget on 29th inst. It is understood that most of the Mills are removing their present stock in the godown outside Mills' limit in anticipation of the Budget. At the close, tone was uncertain.

FOREIGN MARKETS

On the New York Terminal market, there was an alround increase of 2 points. Java market was reported dull and second hand sellers were willing to sell their holdings even at a concession in prices. Business was however difficult as the prices ruling in consuming markets were very low and there was hardly any possibility of fresh business in near future.

CALCUTTA AND KARACHI

There was no interest in Java sugar as prices of Indian sugars were lower. As regards Indian sugars, there was steady rise in prices of ready on speculative demand on rumours about increase in Excise Duty. Both the markets were affected for ready only as holders were firm and naturally prefer to wait until the Budget announcement.

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Exports from Java amounted to 68,000 tons which is not unsatisfactory. This figure includes large quantity of sugar which should have shipped in December.

GENERAL

Local market for Java sugar is likely to remain steady with prices fluctuating within narrow limits. As regards future tendency of the market, it is uncertain pending the publication of the Government of India Budget regarding changes if any, in protective or Excise Duties about which, there are many rumours current in the market.

BOMBAY YARN QUOTATIONS

HEDGE CONTRACT RATES

Bombay: March 1.

Yarn No.	April	June	August
6 1/2s.	138	140	143
10 1/2s.	154	158	162
20 1/2s.	215 1/8	219 1/8	222
40s.	307	309	312

BOMBAY and SUBURBS

Local Engagements

To-day

Hindu: Magh Vad 9, 1996
Muslim: Moharram 22, 1359
Parsi: Sherevar 29 1309
Hightide: 5-54; 19-4s
Lowtide: 0-28; 12-35
Sunrise: 6h. 58m.
Sunset: 6h. 45m.

Yuvaraj of Mysore to open Parsi Arts and Crafts Exhibition, C. J. Hall: 5-30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

The next meeting of the Corporation will be held in the Corporation Hall, on Monday, the 4th inst at 3 p.m (B.T.)

VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will deliver a public lecture on Vedanta Philosophy at Batliboi's Accountancy Institute, Prescot Road, Fort, to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. (S.T.)

GITA CLASS

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct the weekly class on Bhagawat Geeta at the Mission Library Hall, Khar Road, to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m.

RAMDAS ANNIVERSARY

The 258th anniversary of St. Ramdas Swami will be celebrated at "Balodyan" Megha Bhuwan, Muncherji Joshi Road, Parsi Colony, Dadar, to-day (Saturday) at 8 a.m. Mr. B. K. Loomba will preside.

AT 'PARLE LOKAMANYA SEVA SANGH

Under the auspices of the Lokamanya Seva Sangh, 'Parle, Mr. V. D. Savarkar will unveil the portrait of Shri Ramadas and deliver lecture on "Ramadas and Politics" to-day (Saturday) at 9-30 p.m. in Tilak Mandir, Vile-Parle

"REMINISCENCES OF MALIKANDA"

A public meeting will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. at Bajaj Wadi, Station Road, Santa-Cruz when Swami Anand, Messrs. Gokulbhai Bhatt and Mavji Dhamsi will narrate their impressions of the Gandhi Seva Sangh Conference at Malikanda.

PUBLIC MEETING AT MATUNGA

A public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. in the Napoo Maidan, Matunga, when Mr. Jeevanandam (Socialist from Madras), will speak on "The Task Before Ramgarh Congress." Mr. A. S. R. Chari will preside.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT

That "The Excess Profits Tax is most welcome at the present juncture" will be the subject of the debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Saturday) at 6-30 p.m. Mr. K. S. Naik will propose and Mr. G. P. Raval will oppose. Mr. Mavji Govindji Sheth will preside.

JAMIYATUL MUSLIMIN, RATNAGIRI

A meeting of the Muslims of Dist. Ratnagiri was held under the presidentship of Mr. E. I. Dalvi at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House, Bombay, on the 25th Feb. at 8 p.m. (B.T.) The Constitution was adopted and office-bearers for the current year were elected.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS

The Hon. Gen. Secretary, Bombay National Guards writes:—

All the members of the Bombay National Guards (including those of Dadar and Matunga Sections) are requested to come in full uniform to the Marine Lines Maidan, to-morrow (Sunday) at 7 a.m. Instructions about the 5th anniversary will be given.

Amusements Of The Day

CAPITOL—"Ranga Mela Revue" To-day at 6 and 9-30 p.m. Sunday at 3-30 and 6 p.m.
REGAL—"Drums Along The Mohawk" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Dancing Co-Ed" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"Over The Moon" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"The Flying Deuces" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Ek-he-Bhool" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-45 p.m.
PATHE—"Apni Nagaria" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
ROXY—"Kangan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
WEST END—"The Will" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
MINERVA—"Pukar" Daily at 3-45, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Jawani-ki-Reet" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Takdir-ki-Tope" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Achhut" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Gorakhnath" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PALACE—"Tarzan Finds A Son" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Raigadh" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-30 p.m.
PLAZA—"My Beloved" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m. Matinee to-day and to-morrow at 1-15 p.m.
EDWARD—"Spider's Web" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.

MATHEMATICAL COLLOQUIUM

A meeting to discuss the 'Scope of School Mathematics' will be held in the Royal Institute of Science to-day (Saturday).

FREE CINEMA SHOW

Free Cinema Show under the auspices of the Muslim Progress Committee at Habib High School, Bhimpura, to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m.

MILLOWNERS' ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Millowners' Association, Bombay, will be held on Monday, March 11 at 11-30 a.m. (S.T.) at the Association Office, Patel House, Churchgate Street, Fort, Bombay.

SASIREKHA PARINAYA

Vidwan Seera Srinivasadasaru of Mysore State will give a special public 'keeratan' in Kannarese at Mr. V. R. Annaswami Rao's place, 80, Laxminivas, Brahmanwada, Sion Road Junction, to-day (Saturday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.)

SALARIED EMPLOYEES' CONFERENCE

A meeting of the Reception Committee of the Bombay Salaried Employees' Conference will be held to-day (Saturday) at 3-30 p.m. in the office of the Bombay Clerks' Union to discuss further matters relating to the Conference.

MR. TAHERALLY T. BARODAWALA

Mr. T. T Barodawalla, who had been appointed temporary Additional Magistrate in September last, has completed his term and has relinquished charge. Mr D. S. Bahrekar, Additional Magistrate, who hitherto had been sitting at Mazagon, is now sitting at the Girgaum Police Court.

PRIMARY TEACHERS' PHYSICAL TRAINING CAMP, CHEMBUR

The distribution of Certificates of Merit to the primary teachers of the Physical Training Camp conducted by the District School Board, Bombay Suburban District at Chembur, will be held to-morrow (Sunday) at 9 a.m. in the hall of the Local Board Marathi Boys' School when Mr. Jabir, President, District Local Board, B.S.D., will preside.

BOMBAY SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Conference of members to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. at Robert Money School, Proctor Road. Mrs. G. Billimoria will preside.

The entries for Teachers' Day Sports 1940 close to-day (Saturday).

The third Teachers' Day will be celebrated on Saturday, 9th inst.

B. G KHER TO VISIT SOPARA

Mr. B G. Kher, ex-Prime Minister of Bombay, will pay a visit to Bassein and Sopara in the Thana District to-day (Saturday). Mr. Kher will start from Bombay in the afternoon and address a meeting at Bassein in the evening He will address another meeting at Sopara in the night and return to Bombay on Sunday morning. At both the places addresses of welcome will be presented to Mr. Kher.

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Silk And Art Silk Mills Association's Plea For Exemption

The Secretary, Silk and Art Silk Mills' Association, Ltd., Bombay, writes:—

Silk Art and Silk Mills Association urges to exclude new industries started after 1936-1937 since the estimate of three crores under the Excess Profits Tax are easily available without taxing new industries. If new industries are taxed, Government promise of encouragement to new industries ceases.

It is reported insurance and shipping companies' cases are under consideration. All infant Indian industries, like ours, instead of the expected war prosperity have much difficulty in getting supplies.

BOMBAY HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The Bombay High School Athletic Association will hold the Tata Challenge Shield Competition to-day (Saturday) at the W.I.F.A. Ltd., Football ground, Cooperage, at 2-30 p.m. Mr. N. M. Chinoy, President, W.I.A.A. will preside and distribute the prizes.

DADAR SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND

The Annual Prize Distribution will be held at the School on Dadar Road to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m.

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee Chairman of Devkaran Nanjee Banking Co., Ltd., will preside.

BHARATIYA VIDYA BHAVAN EXTENSION LECTURE

Prof. S. D. Gyani, Professor of Indian History, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Andheri, will deliver a lecture on "Ancient India and Outer World" (in English) at 4 p.m. to-day (Saturday) in the Lecture Hall of the University Buildings (Ground Floor, South Wing).

BENGAL CLUB

Under the auspices of the Bengal Club, Parel, Bombay, a "Sports Festival" will be held at the St. Xavier's College Gymkhana ground, Parel, to-morrow (Sunday) at 7-30 a.m. (S.T.) Mr. Justice K. C. Sen of the Bombay High Court, will preside and distribute the prizes.

BOMBAY CENTRAL PHYSICAL CULTURE CONFERENCE

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bombay Central Physical Culture Conference will be held to-day (Saturday) at 9 p.m. sharp in the Girgaum Vyayamshala Hall, Congress House, Vithalbhai Patel Road, Bombay.

CHEMICAL WORKERS' UNION

Under the auspices of the Bombay Chemical Workers' Union a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday) at 5-30 p.m. on the Maidan opposite the Zandu Pharmaceutical Works, Mr. Nimbkar will preside.

MUNICIPAL KAMGAR SANGH

An urgent meeting of the Managing Committee of the Sangh will be held to-day (Saturday) at 7 p.m. The Committee shall consider the decision of the Bombay Municipal Corporation in connection with the Dearness Allowance sanctioned at their meeting held on the 26th Feb. 1940. The Committee shall also consider the steps to be taken to implement the demand of the workers to have the Dearness Allowance of Rs. 6 per month, etc.

CITY'S HEALTH RETURNS

The health returns of Bombay during the 6th week of 1940, i.e. the week ended 24th Feb. 1940, were as under:—

The total mortality 592 was 12 less than in the last week and the death rate registered was 26.5 on the Census population of 1931 which compares favourably with that for the 8th week of 1939, viz. 612 and the death rate 27.5. The average mortality for the corresponding weeks during the preceding quinquennium was 654 and the death rate 29.3. Out of the total deaths 149 were among infants under one year of age.

RANDER MEHFIL-E-ISLAM KUTOOB KHANA

The Secretary, Rander Mehfil-e-Islam Kutoobkhana, writes:—

The annual general meeting of the Rander Mehfil-e-Islam Kutoobkhana on Feb. 27 1940 elected Mr. A. A. Nakhuda as President; Mr. Ali Hashim Mehtar, as Vice-President; Messrs. C. M. H. Esmail and Mr. A. M. Bham as Hon. Secretaries as well as members of the Managing Committee and resolved to purchase the Tata Hydro-Electric Power Supply Co. Ltd.'s 25 ordinary shares as investment.

FREE HINDI CLASSES

Free Hindi classes will be restarted in Marwari Vidyalaya Bhawan, Sandhurst Rd., from to-day (Saturday) at 4 p.m. and at the following places on Sunday morning between 8 and 10 a.m.:—Girls' High School, opposite Ambewadi Post Office, Girgaon; Maratha High School, Opera House; Fellowship High School, Gowalia Tank and Modern High School, Sikka Nagar, Vithalbhai Patel Rd.

Enquiries should be made in the office of Bombay Hindi Vidyapeeth, Marwari Vidyalaya Bhavan, Sandhurst Rd., week-day mornings between 8 and 9 a.m. or on Saturday and Sunday evening between 4 and 6 p.m. or in Hindi Pustak Bhandar, Heerabag, C. P. Tank.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION

The postponed exhibition of the film showing the life and training of the Cadets on the I.M.M.T.S. "Dufferin" will be held to-day (Saturday) at 8 p.m (S.T.) in the Association Hall Mr. G. K. Koppikar will deliver a lecture. Capt. R. C. McClement, R.I.N., Captain Superintendent of the ship, will be present on the occasion. Dr. R. P. Koppikar, President of the Association, will preside.

A meeting will be held in the Association Hall on Sunday, March 3, at 8-30 a.m. (S.T.) to mourn the sad demise of Mr. Sashittal Bhavani Rao, ex-Vice-President of the Association.

Madame Montessori

Mme. MONTESSORI'S LECTURES

The Secretary, All-India New Education Fellowship, Bombay Section, writes:—

Madame Montessori who is visiting Bombay at the invitation of the New Education Fellowship will deliver two public lectures at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Public Hall on Monday and Tuesday, the 11th and 12th inst. at 6-30 p.m.

Her first lecture will be on: "Society and the Child" and will be presided over by Mr. B. G. Kher, M.L.A.

Her second lecture will be on: "The Child and the Montessori Method" and will be presided over by the Hon Sir John Beaumont, Chief Justice of Bombay

ADMISSION BY TICKETS

Admission to the lectures will be by tickets of the value of Rs. 5, Rs. 2 and Re. 1 and the proceeds will go to the Montessori Association of India.

Tickets as also all other particulars regarding Madame Montessori's programme in Bombay can be had from the Secretaries, New Education Fellowship, New Era School, Hughes Road, Bombay 7. A ticket allows its holder to attend both the lectures.

Tickets to the public lectures of the 11th and 12th inst. can also be had from:—Mrs. Nathalal Parikh, "Meherabad," 26, Marine Drive; Mrs. Mulji Dayal, Shanti Sadan, Vachha Gandhi Road, Gamdevi and Dr. K. B. Menon, Civil Liberties Union, Bombay Mutual Buildings, Hornby Road.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(By A SUBURBAN MAN)

The Bandra A.R.P. Committee, headed by Mrs. H. C. Captain, is now busy with training the Wardens. The whole Bandra area is very closely divided and Wardens are already busy getting the whole area to be air-minded.

Bandra ought really to be congratulated upon this new venture and it is earnestly hoped other areas will follow suit.

Special Conciliator For Amalner Dispute

The Government of Bombay has appointed Mr. R. R. Karnik, Assistant Judge, East Khandesh, to be the Special Conciliator for the industrial dispute which has arisen between the Managing Agents of the Pratap Mills Company Limited, Amalner, and the Amalner Girni Kamgar Union, regarding the demand for an increase in wages to neutralize the effect of the rise in the cost of living due to the War.

Dr. Vora's Party For Daughter's Marriage

A dinner was given by Dr. Jethalal Vora, in celebration of his daughter's marriage, at Madhav Baugh, on Friday night.

Among those who were present on the occasion were: Mr. B. N. Karanjia, Mayor of Bombay; Mr Mathuradas Tricumji; Mr. Bhatt, Municipal Commissioner; Mr. M. I. Rowji and Dr. Jivraj Mehta.

Daily Weather Summary

POONA: March 1.

Fairly widespread thunder-rain has occurred along and near the hills of the Punjab and the West United Provinces and in Bengal and Assam. Local thunder-showers have occurred in the East United Provinces, Bihar, Chota Nagpur and Orissa and local rain has fallen in the North-West Frontier Province. A few falls of rain and snow are also reported from Kashmir.

Principal amounts of rainfall are:—Baridal three inches; Narayanganj 2; Dhubri 1 1/2; Silchar 1 1/2; Calcutta, Burdwan, Dinajpur, Darbhanga and Cherrapunji 1 inch; Dibrugarh, Sibsagar, Purnea, Shillong, Goraghpur, Roorkee, Dehra Dun, Mussoorec, Simla, Dalhousie, Murree 1/2 each and Cox's Bazar, Mymensingh Bogra, Balasore, Bahraich, Srinagar and Cherat 1/4 each.—A.P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending at 8 a.m. of 1-3-1940.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours plus .033 inches
Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 75.3 degrees
Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 70.1 degrees
Maximum temperature during 24 hours 84.0 degrees 0.3 below normal
Minimum temperature during 24 hours 71.3 degrees 2.0 above normal
Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 76 per cent.
Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NE
Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 4 miles per hour
Total movement of wind in 24 hours 169 miles.
Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 20 miles per hour
Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 1-3-1940

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 78.3 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.10 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.90 inches.

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of slight intensity at its origin about 3090 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 21h 46m. I.S.T. on Thursday 29-2-1940.

"Gandhian Chair" In Andhra University

MADRAS, Feb. 29.

A donation of Rs. 4,200 for founding a "Gandhian Chair" in the Andhra University for two years during 1940-41 and 1941-42, has been offered by the West Godavari District Board and accepted by the University.

Mr. A. D. Coelho

PUT 30 YEARS' SERVICE IN EXCISE DEPT.

Mr. Anthony Denis Coelho, Superintendent of Excise, Poona Division, whose appointment has been confirmed in a notification in this week's "Government Gazette", belongs to a well-known family of Mangalore who were pioneers in the timber trade. His father was a timber magnate in North Canara and employed elephant labour, having at one time a herd of over a score and more elephants.

Mr. Coelho joined the Bombay Excise Department in 1909 and has served in almost every district of the Presidency. Wherever he was posted he broke the record in the detection of Excise offences and earned the reputation of being a terror to the Abkari offender.

Mr. Coelho, while Superintendent at Ahmedabad was responsible for drawing up the skeleton "Dry Area Scheme." He has served as a Superintendent since 1934 and has been posted in this capacity in the Districts of Thana, Nasik, Ahmedabad, Ratnagiri and Poona where he introduced several reforms in the administration.

In 1912 Mr. Coelho married Miss Adele Margaret, daughter of the late Mr. P. F. X. Saldanha, who was the first specially nominated member of the Christian community to the Old Legislative Council of Madras.

PARSI ARTS AND CRAFTS EXHIBITION

Yuvraj Of Mysore To Open It To-day At C. J. Hall

Opening ceremony of the Parsi Arts and Crafts Exhibition by H.H. the Yuvraj of Mysore at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall at 5-30 p.m. to-day Saturday. The Exhibition is open to the public till 7 p.m.

PRESS LEGISLATION IN HYDERABAD

HYDERABAD (Dn.), (By Mail).

The proposed Press Legislation in the form of a draft will be placed before the local Editors to ascertain their opinion. It is said that the Hyderabad Journalists' Association has already been communicated with the intention of the Government and there is a possibility of the Press Commissioner issuing invitations to the local Editors. Journalists representing the British Indian Press it seems have been scrupulously avoided though the proposed legislation will also affect them though not directly.

The new Regulation, it is said, is based more or less on the same lines as the legislation in British India but giving wider powers to the Executive (Secretary, Constitutional Affairs) at a time when the British Indian Journalists and newspapers have been agitating for the repeal of the Press Act and for greater freedom.

Ramgarh Village Industries Exhibition

The Officer-in-Charge of Publicity, Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition, Ramgarh writes:

The arrangement for the Village Industries department of the Khadi and Village Industries Exhibition is being done by the men deputed by the All India Village Industries Association. Special facility will be provided for the exhibition and selling of the hand-made articles by the villagers and other people. The following things will be shown in the Village Industry Exhibition, for example, preparation of leather, caustic soda, soap, paper extracting honey without destroying the hive, preparation of Gur from Nira etc.

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NEARING THE END

The Congress Working Committee has done well to publish in advance its draft resolution to be submitted to the plenary session at Ramgarh a fortnight hence. This will enable the public, who will have to play a big part in implementing it, to study it in all its bearings and to offer their suggestions, if any, for its improvement. The resolution is not materially different from those which the Committee has passed on India's demands in connection with the war crisis. But it has a ring about it which suggests that Congress will soon end the present suspense one way or other. It reminds Britain, which is now talking quite a lot but doing nothing about Dominion Status for India, that "nothing short of complete independence can be accepted by the people of India", because "Dominion Status or any other status within the imperial structure is wholly inapplicable to India, is not in keeping with the dignity of a great nation, and would bind India in many ways to British politics and economic structure." As regards the particular form of the Indian constitution, the resolution repeats the familiar demand that the constitution should be determined by a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of adult suffrage. The resolution does not suggest who is to convene the Constituent Assembly and when. It is obviously left to be implied that, if Britain agrees very soon to a peaceful settlement on the basis of self-determination, she may help India in convening the Assembly immediately after the war; or, in the absence of such an agreement, the Congress, which will lead the struggle that must follow such a contingency, will take the initiative in convening the Assembly when the struggle ends in a victory for the people.

Minorities And Princes

"But what of the minorities and the Princes?" the critics of the above scheme have often asked and still ask. The resolution takes due thought of these objections and answers them in the only way they can be answered at this stage. Regarding the minorities, the resolution assures them that they will not be coerced by this or that individual or body claiming to represent them but that they will formulate their own safeguards for their minority rights and their claims will be settled at the Constituent Assembly by mutual agreement or, failing that, by arbitration. The resolution also assures the minorities that even before the Assembly is convened the Congress will continue "to make every effort to secure communal harmony." We trust this means that the leaders of the Congress will not merely wait on events, but will, themselves, take active measures to bring about this harmony, specially as the minorities, it is evident, are not satisfied with the assurance that their interests will be safeguarded by the Constituent Assembly but demand immediate satisfaction. Referring to the objection that the sovereignty of the States is incompatible with the complete independence of India as a whole, the resolution states with a definiteness that was perhaps not attempted before that "the Congress cannot admit the right of the rulers of Indian States to come in the way of Indian freedom. Sovereignty in India must rest with the people, whether in the States or the Provinces, and all other interests must be subordinated to their vital interests".

Test Of Preparation

To the question what action Congress will take if Britain does not very soon come to an agreement with India the resolution gives the answer by declaring that the Ministerial resignations are themselves a "preliminary step" already taken not merely "to dissociate India from the war", but also "to enforce the Congress determination to free India from foreign domination", and that "this preliminary step must naturally be followed by civil disobedience, to which the Congress will unhesitatingly resort as soon as the Congress organisation is considered fit enough for the purpose, or in case circumstances so shape themselves as to precipitate a crisis." The Working Committee, however, warns Congressmen by drawing attention to Gandhiji's declaration that he can only undertake the responsibility of declaring civil disobedience when he is satisfied that they are strictly observing discipline and are carrying out the constructive programme prescribed in the independence pledge. This endorsement by the Working Committee of Gandhiji's insistence on the prosecution of the constructive programme, strict discipline and an atmosphere of non-violence as conditions precedent to any mass campaign should stir Congressmen to suitable action if they are sincere in their desire to win freedom. In this connection we cannot too strongly emphasize the urgency, particularly, of carrying out that part of the constructive programme which relates to the creation of inter-communal harmony. Nothing tangible in this direction has been done so far and the position is deteriorating from day to day. The resolution of the Working Committee appeals to the country to fit itself for the campaign through the constructive programme and hopes that, when the people are ready, all classes and communities will take part in the national struggle for liberty. We are confident that if the Congress executive, Provincial as well as Central, is active enough in preparing the country, particularly in securing communal harmony, the people will give a good account of themselves.

Sir Victor As Prophet

The Japanese, who appear so hypersensitive to people's free expression of views on the Sino-Japanese relations, can well spare themselves the excitement and trouble of refuting Sir Victor Sassoon's view of the economic stability of Japan "vis-a-vis" the new order in China. Like many men of his class in the circles of big business, industry and finance, Sir Victor possesses an understanding of the situation on which he permitted himself to express a definite opinion—indeed conviction—which the public regards as both reliable and illuminating. Apart, however, from Sir Victor Sassoon's being an astute observer and, indeed, an expert of the situation, the orientation of the Japanese policy in China, as outlined in the propaganda literature officially and semi-officially published, confirms the accuracy of Sir Victor's judgment. Chungking itself understands the tactical manoeuvre so well that, following the exposure of the Wang Ching-Wie puppet play, it has offered its own terms for 'peace' in China. It is, to put it mildly, grotesque of the Japanese to stigmatise General Chiang-Kai-Shek as a Communist agent and enemy of the Chinese people, while posing themselves as the real friends of that people and national interests and it is exposed as such by the realities of the situation the impartial world can observe for itself and from which it can draw its conclusions.

OUR EUROPEAN LETTER

Rumania In The Forefront

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

PARIS, Feb. 15.

In the discussions, calculations and speculations relating to the war to-day, Rumania, one notes, is very much in the forefront. This, obviously on account of the country's geographical position; certain claims against it reckoned as held by some of the adjacent lands, Soviet Union, Hungary and Bulgaria; and, above all, its oil wealth. For the last, Germany is known and seen as extending close and covetous care. The oil issue is deserving of some detailed attention, and as such, I shall take it up separately in another article.

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Rumania, as a look at the map will show, holds an important geographical position in the Black Sea and Danubian regions. Before the dismemberment of Czechoslovakia and the destruction of the Polish State by Germany in recent period, Rumania bordered on the Soviet Union, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Poland. The Black Sea extended a contact with Turkey as it did also with the Soviet Union. Czechoslovakia and Poland have for the while ceased to exist as separate States. In their places, the changes which brought about their disappearance, have introduced new neighbours to Rumania, Slovakia, and indirectly over Slovakia also Germany. In as much as Slovakia for all practical purposes is a German protectorate. This nearness of Germany has newly been further strengthened by certain concessions understood as having been given by the Soviet Union to Germany in regard to the Galician area bordering Rumania, taken over by the Soviet Union in association with the last partition of Poland. About the exact nature of these concessions relating to a strategically very significant region, there is still a want of information. It is, however, known definitely that they cover transport facilities under German direction or supervision. This alone implies an important impress for Rumania.

Modern Rumania received a great accession of strength, in regard to both territory and population, at the end of the last war. In 1914 Rumania was a State with a population of 7,600,000. The 1930 census showed Rumania's population as 18,058,896. Today it is estimated at near to 19,500,000.

If Rumania gained territorially after the war, it also increased for Bucharest the care of the problem of minorities. Ethnologically, taking the 1930 census as the basis, 13,200,000 or 73.1 per cent of the population stood as of pure Rumanian origin. The remainder was composed chiefly of Hungarians (about 1,400,000 principally in Transylvania and Banat); Germans round 700,000 mainly in the Banat region—scattered in these parts were also near to 800,000 Jews several of whom as with Jews in Slovakia reckoned as Hungarians—some 400,000 Bulgarians in the Walachia and Dobrudja areas; Turks and Tartars numbering 230,000; Gypsies around 30,000 in the Moldavian region; Russians and Ukrainians around 850,000 in the Bessarabian parts; and various other peoples numbering 450,000.

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Territorial aims against Rumania were preserved in the post-war era by Hungary, Bulgaria and Soviet Union. Of the three, for long that of the first was looked upon as the keenest and Russia's in general as the feebiest. Hungary particularly was extremely active in moves for advancing revisionist claims on the basis of references to care for welfare of minority though Budapest itself had a conspicuously hard and rigid minority policy. In Central and especially South-eastern Europe a well marked territorial division on ethnological basis is not possible. The races are far too complicatedly scattered for it. A solution is to be sought in the direction of a federation and in the post-war period German policy greatly threw its weight against the course.

The emergence of the Nazi regime saw the rush of a new life to the minority question. Berlin took it up vigorously to advance the prospects directly for a visualized expansionist course and also to improve the chances for increasing German holds. Nazi Germany even considered fanning in a way a cause of the Gypsies.

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Rumania has long managed to meet the currents of pressure released from outside, in recent period much under a German direction, by dependence on certain alliances—the Little Entente for years constituted a main one—and evolution of new agreements—the Balkan Entente and very recently a guarantee of security gained from Britain. King Carol on the whole devoted a more alert attention to the implications of Nazi revivalism than either Stojadinovic in Jugoslavia or Beck in Poland.

To-day, there is no denying the position for Rumania as being infinitely more difficult and delicate. Principally on account of a territorial advance already made by Germany and care of Germany for Rumania's most important mineral wealth—oil—which also happens to be the one for which the greatest dearth is felt by Germany. A Russo-German accord of the period implies additional care for Rumania in relation to Bessarabia.

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If difficulties have gained for Rumania, Bucharest has also received new forces of strength and support. As a very important item among these stands an extension of Turkey's interest for Rumanian security. There is nothing sentimental about this. Ankara knows and realises that a weakening of Rumania now as matters stay will greatly complicate the issue of Turkish security. In the course of his discussions in Moscow on the occasion of his last visit there, the Turkish Foreign Minister, Sarajoglu, is known to have laid before Molotov and others. Turkish opposition to Germany securing a foot-hold on the Black Sea, be it even advertised as a temporary measure for transport reasons. In the Tripartite Agreement concluded between Ankara, London and Paris, no doubt, there is a clause in Protocol No. 2 which states that the obligations under the agreement cannot compel Turkey to action having as its effect or involving as its consequences entry into armed conflict with the Soviet Union. At the same time, it is significantly stated in Article 5 that aggression for Turkey to take action and invoke the terms of the agreement can also be one which while directed against another European State constituted in the opinion of one of the high contracting parties a menace to its own security. This is viewed as having a special reference to Turkey or for Turkey in relation to the possibility of threat to or attack on Rumania. In any case, Turkish position does not lack a definiteness in regard to the possibility of Germany subjecting Rumania to an aggression.

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At the moment of writing, German policy is directed extremely keenly towards retaining and extending economic contacts with the Balkan States. In association moves are kept as well to add pressure for the purpose of checking and combating Anglo-French influence and plans for developing economic relations in this sector. Parallel with concentration on schemes to increase economic contacts with Rumania by Germany involving gaining of further share in oil supply, at present a studied deference is showed by the German press to Rumania. Berlin's influence with Moscow, according to the generally well-informed Berlin correspondent of the leading Swiss daily, "Neue Zurcher Zeitung", is also being employed to get the Soviet Union to present now a reserve or restraint in regard to Bessarabia. The Budapest correspondent of the same paper views that the aims of German policy are, to cut across the

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"The Nazi Conception Of Law"

(Oxford Pamphlets—No. 21)

By D. F. KARAKA

J. Walter Jones writes this very readable pamphlet in the Oxford Series on the Nazi conception of Law. The subject treated here will one day have to be dealt with at greater length in view of the rise of so many totalitarian States in our midst. The Nazi conception of Law is based on conditions in Germany to-day but in many respects what is said in this pamphlet is equally applicable to Fascist Italy, Soviet Russia and other dictatorships whether the system of Government is dependent upon the dictates by one man or of the proletariat. The dominant characteristic of such a State is that the "State" idea is fixed and unlike the democracies, it is not capable of being altered even by the will of the people. A Republic or a constitutional monarchy may have provisions in its constitution, written or unwritten, whereby even the constitution or the State idea can subsequently be altered. But in the Fascist countries this State idea is fixed from the time the dictatorship is firmly established and remains fixed for the duration of the dictatorship or the life of the dictator. When one bears this in mind, one realises that the Nazi conception of Law is bound to be different from our own, the principle of which have been expounded in books like Dicey's Constitutional Law.

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To go back to Germany. "In Germany, every lawyer has been compelled to join what is called the 'Rechsfront' as a member of the BNSDJ, the 'Bund or Union of German National Socialist Jurists.....The position of the judges is equally precarious." The author goes on to say: "some Nazi writers have openly proclaimed that it is the function of all lawyers, whether judges or jurists, to adjust their standpoint to the surrounding political atmosphere. All law, they urge, must be openly and frankly political." Those who have read Elmer Rice's satirical play "Judgment Day" will realise the meaning of this statement and realise also now the law is administered in Germany to-day by the code laid down not by the lawyers and the people but by the Gestapo.

Like National Socialist political theory, the Nazi conception of law is based on two principles: the leadership principle and the Racial principle. By the leadership principle, there is vested in the person of the leader the two notions of authority and representation. "He embodies some sort of transcendent unity which soars above the desires or interests of a transient majority. In and through his words and acts the nation for the first time comes to real life. His decrees are to be respected as expressing eternal truths rather than a compromise between divergent views." So according to the Nazis, every speech of Adolf Hitler is a fund of eternal truths! The party of the Leader, therefore, becomes identified with the State itself. Membership of other parties is akin to treason.

The racial theory suggests that the German people should have only a German Law. The "Volksgeist"—the soul or spirit of the people was once used by German jurists in the days when the people of Germany had a soul and spirit of their own and which they were allowed to give expression to. To-day in a country where a man is a moron in uniform or a traitor, there is little room for a free expression of one's soul. Nazi lawyers of to-day have improved upon the "Volksgeist" idea and said that it implies that the "Volk" (the people)

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Frankly Speaking

Regrettable, But Necessary

All Congressmen will deeply regret that the Working Committee was driven to the necessity of suspending the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee. But the Bengal Committee asked for it. For months past it has been openly and systematically defying the higher Congress authorities and recently incited the Congressmen of the province to do likewise. And it went to the length of disaffiliating three District Congress Committees only because they loyally followed the instructions of the Working Committee as against its own. The Working Committee, which long condoned its indiscipline, rightly regarded this action against the District Committees as too serious "for any further condonation of their indiscipline". The Bengal Committee, which expects implicit discipline from its subordinate bodies, must itself set the example through its own discipline towards its higher authorities.

Madame Montessori

The Adyar speech of Madame Montessori, who stressed the need and importance of education being placed on a non-sectarian and humanistic basis, is typical of this great European educationist who represents in her personality and achievement the spirit of modern science and idealism. The system with which her name is connected and certainly immortalised is based on a scientific, psychological approach to the problems of education of the young. Its keynote is complete, harmonious and free development of the child's personality and it has revolutionised the methodology of children's education all the world over. Madame Montessori's ideas which she has courageously and clearly expressed during her sojourn in our country are perfectly in accord with the educational conceptions of Indian Nationalism and the fact that certain sectarian interests are attacking this great world educationist by reminding her of her allegiance to the Church is eloquent of the true value of her well-tested liberal and humanistic ideas. Madame Montessori is a world benefactress and living example of the role of woman, as the highest force in the processes of civilisation.

Respect The Press

We have already protested against the attempts of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and his followers to intimidate, through threats of organised boycott, the nationalist press of Bengal into approving of their programmes and policies. Several nationalist papers including the *'Amrit Bazar Patrika"* strongly condemned this Fascist tendency in the province. And now some of the most prominent leaders of Bengal, including the Mayor of Calcutta, Sir P. C. Ray, Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee, and Sir S. Radhakrishnan, have issued a statement deploring the attempt "to gag any particular newspaper or terrorise it into a surrender of its judgment or boycott it." We can only hope that an appeal from leaders respected all over the country will have a salutary effect on the persons concerned.

Swaraj First

In his presidential speech at the Fourteenth Annual General meeting of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, Calcutta, Mr. G. L. Mehta echoed the feeling in the minds of most Indian businessmen when he said: "No economic development or advancement is possible unless the Central Government is responsible to the people whose representatives should be able to control the fiscal, currency, credit and transport policy of the country." The view can be pithily expressed in the two words "Swaraj first." Many Indians who, in a free India, would have earned fame or wealth in their different pursuits are now dedicating their lives to the task of winning Swaraj for the country in the hope that their sacrifice may lead to the happiness of the generations to come. Businessmen who for various reasons are out of the struggle can yet contribute to its success in a variety of ways. If they realise that Congress is leading this struggle, they should regard it as their religious duty to support it in all possible ways.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT.

According to Mr. Vernon Bartlett, India has arrived at the stage of "latch key crisis."

The only solution of which is for Britain to clear out lock, stock and barrel. The latchkey may be presented to Mr. Bartlett as a keepsake.

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M. Reynaud, Finance Minister of France, announced in a broadcast that in a few days, start would be made in taking a census for ration cards. "Privation is essential in war-time. Every act of self-sacrifice is a shot fired at the enemy."

And an inch taken off the tummy.

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U. S. A.'S SECRET WEAPON.
—Headline.

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An arrow was shot from a bow through a window of No. 10, Downing Street, to-day. A piece of paper bearing a message about social credit policy was attached to the missile.

Joseph Green, the man who shot the arrow, was bound over at the Bow Street police station.
—Reuter.

A case of "boetic" justice.

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Sir Zia-ud-Din: May I understand what you mean?

Sir M. Zafrullah; I cannot give the Hon. Member an understanding. It is beyond my power.

—From report of Central Assembly proceedings.

So we understand now.

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BENGAL TAKES TO ELECTRICITY.
—Headline.

That explains the shocks the rest of India has been receiving for some time now.

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MEAN TACTICS OF RIGHTISTS.
Rush For "Forward Bloc" Enrolment Forms.
—Headlines.

How very mean of them!

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LIVE AND LEARN.

"The men of Maharashtra have always been dour fighters, and their hard-won victory over the U. P. team at Poona, the metropolis of their race, must help them to wipe out lingering memories of the Third Battle of Panipat."

The historical bug, we thought, had only bitten Anglo-Indian reporters. But here is a leader-writer of a nationalist daily in U. P. positively going hysterical, we mean, hysterical. Shades of Sadashivrao Bhau and Ahmad Shah Abdali!

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A sixteen-year-old girl of a gipsy tribe walked across the River Chambal on a tight rope. To the astonishment of the spectators, the girl walked along quarter of a mile of rope without losing her balance.

The correspondent who has sent this tit-bit must have been given a pretty long rope by the A. P.

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This feat is, however, nothing as compared with that of Premier Alla Bux of Sind, who is walking on a tight rope for a quarter of a year now.

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Mr. Welles in an interview described his mission as "sounding the depths of European political waters and testing the currents."

We hope that in his diving operations he doesn't strike a magnetic mine.

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"Jane," protested her mistress angrily, "I thought you told me you wanted to go to bed early."

"Yes, ma'am," replied the pretty maid.

"Then," demanded the mistress, "what were you doing at the side gate when all those soldiers were marching past?"

"Snatching forty winks, madam," said the maid, sweetly.

R.A.F. BOMBER COMMAND

'Planes Penetrate Nazi Territory

EXTENSIVE RECONNAISSANCE FLIGHT: NEW RAILWAY JUNCTION SPOTTED

LONDON, March 1.

An Air Ministry 'communique' states that in the course of the night, aircraft of the R. A. F. carried out a series of successful patrols and reconnaissance flights over enemy territory.

These included standing patrol of Frisian Islands for the purpose of restricting the activities of enemy mine-laying craft and reconnaissance patrols over the Baltic ports of Kiel and Lubeck.

Aircraft further reconnoitred a number of important towns in North-west Germany, including Hamburg, Bremen, and Hanover and ports of Cuxhaven and Brensbuttel in Heligoland Bight.

In addition aircraft again penetrated Central Germany and reached Berlin.

DETAILS OF FLIGHT

"Reuter" learns that the R.A.F. flight was carried out in the early hours of the morning by aircraft of the Bomber Command and was one of the most extensive series of reconnaissance raids over Germany since the outbreak of the war.

THIRD TIME OVER BERLIN

A number of aircraft participated in the raids and no enemy opposition from either air or ground was encountered by any British aircraft, all of which returned to their bases after the flights ranging from six to nearly ten hours' duration. This was the R.A.F.'s third visit to Berlin in four days.

NEW RAILWAY JUNCTION

Through a gap in the clouds the captain of one of the aircraft was able to identify an important railway junction seventeen miles south of Berlin by the shape of the railway line and the adjoining canal. Parachute flares were dropped over the junction and having established his position the pilot continued on his course to Berlin.

NAZI BATTERIES SILENT

A number of searchlights came into action as the aircraft approached the City. No enemy fighters were seen and German batteries did not open fire. Its mission accomplished, the aircraft returned to its base after a flight of nearly ten hours during which the temperature had never been above 28 degrees centigrade.

OVER THAMES ESTUARY

It is learned officially that there is no truth in the reports of anti-aircraft fire at enemy aircraft over the Thames Estuary. There has been no enemy activity in this area to-day.

The report that is denied reads as follows:—

Anti-aircraft batteries on the Essex side of the Thames Estuary opened fire this morning at a plane believed to be German that appeared at a great height over the river.

The firing was the most intense in the district since the outbreak of the war and it appeared the plane was being driven out to sea.

Shortly after, pursuit planes appeared. No air-raid warning was sounded.

FLYING MEDAL FOR SERGEANT CAREY

The distinguished flying medal has been awarded to Sergeant Frank Reginald Carey in recognition of gallantry displayed in flying operations against the enemy.

Sergeant Carey, with his section Leader, during January engaged an enemy aircraft over the North Sea, while it was attacking shipping and again in February, while leading a section of two aircraft over the North Sea and shot it down.

Sergeant Carey's initiative, determination and skill prevented the enemy taking cover in low cloud and brought the engagements to successful conclusion.—Reuter.

FRENCH GOLD REVALUED

Arrangements For Secret Foreign Purchases Fund Made

PARIS, March 1.

An agreement published between the Treasury and the Bank of France prodides for revaluation of gold stock; secondly repayment of advances made to State before war; thirdly sale of gold by Bank to State against Treasury Bonds; fourthly, raises the limit of wartime advances from Bank of State from 25 to 45 milliard francs.

Valuation of good stock is made at approximately the present market rate and will show profit of about 14.600 million francs. The sale of gold to the State by the Bank will be to the value of 30 milliard francs and this gold will constitute the secret Foreign Purchases Fund.—Reuter.

New Regulations For French Exchange Control

LONDON, March 1.

The Treasury states that to permit the greatest possible freedom for payments arising out of Franco-British commercial transactions, new regulations have been introduced by the French Exchange Control which will, so far as imports from the United Kingdom, the British colonies except Hongkong, British Protectorates and Mandated Territories, Egypt, Irak and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan are concerned, place the French System of Exchange Control on a similar basis to that in force in the United Kingdom.—Reuter.

NEW YORK RETORT TO GOEBBELS

NEW YORK, March 1.

"We can say what we like of Dr. Goebbels and his friends", states the "New York Times" commenting on Dr. Goebbels' speech at Muenster on Wednesday warning neutrals that "Germany cannot allow obvious difference between neutrality of a State and the neutrality of its public opinion".

The "Times" adds: "The truth is we can't insult them. No one can insult a Government that is somewhere between 800 and 25,000 years behind the times in every attribute of civilisation and human decency. It is waste of energy to try it."

The newspaper adds the inference as to German war aims was clear. There is not going to be any free speech in Europe or elsewhere if the Nazis can help it. Well, we are a long way off and quite safe. Our Government has not urged us as it did in 1914 to be neutral in thought.—Reuter.

JAM SAHEB AND MAHATMA TO MEET?

(From Our Correspondent.)

BARODA, March 1.

The special interview given by His Highness the Jamsaheb of Nawanagar to Messrs. Kagalbhai Kothari and Hargovind Pandya of Navsaurastra of Ahmedabad is discussed here in popular circles with great significance.

His Highness the Jam Saheb is reported to have said: "I would welcome your constructive comments. But you must be fair to us. We want fairness. We abhor personal attacks and vulgarity."

In the end Messrs. Kothari and Pandya suggested a meeting between Mahatma Gandhi and Jam Saheb for the solution of many political problems of Indian States. It may be mentioned here that Mahatmaji and Jam Saheb have not met each other as yet.

GERMAN SERVANT GIRLS & SECURITY

In the House of Commons, asked whether his attention had been called to the fact that about 250 German servant girls were employed in and around Aldershot and whether these girls were a danger to the country, Sir John Anderson stated that it was a mistake to assume that every German domestic servant was a menace to the security of this country.

There would be no justification for treating all aliens of German and Austrian nationality alike without regard to the fact that the majority were refugees from Nazi oppression and bitterly opposed to the present German Regime. Every case had already been reviewed by the Tribunal and the Regional Advisory Committees would shortly undertake a further review of certain categories of Germans and Austrians who had not been interned.

A ring around military and air stations excluding all foreigners was not practical and would not commend itself to public opinion. The latest available statistics showed that 62,244 Germans were registered with the police and 11,989 Austrians. Tribunals had dealt with 73,353 persons whom 569 had been interned; 6,782 were exempted from internment but not from special restrictions applicable to enemy aliens and 64,255 were exempted both from internment and special restrictions of the persons dealt with by Tribunals, 55,457 were known to be refugees from Nazi oppression.—Reuter.

RUMANIA IN THE FOREFRONT

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tendency for closer co-operation between Rumania and Turkey and to try to pull Rumania away from Britain and France. The Russian troop concentration at the Bessarabian frontier is used by Germany as an instrument of bargaining and pressure in more quarters than one.

Bucharest is alert to a hard situation. Economic demands of Germany might well get to carry extended implications and a situation following be extremely hard with contacts cut or weakened. Reflective of an added German interest in Rumanian economy, Berlin has newly appointed Neubacher, the Mayor of Vienna, as a permanent economic representative in Bucharest. Guido Schmidit, the former Austrian Foreign Minister who played a rather dubious role in the period of the Chancellorship of Schuschnigg, and is at present a director of Goering Works, is also understood as being despatched to Belgrade and Bucharest for strengthening contacts. There are estimates of incompatibility growing over German demands now pushed along economic channels and Rumanian economic and political interests. In the German press there are indignant references to the French forces in Syria under the leadership of the able and experienced General Weygand. Sharp comments are also hurled against moves stated of Britain in adjoining regions. Germany is apprehensive of aggressive deeds calling strong and extended reactions. A care for supplies serves at once as an urge for restraint and to an assertive course. The position in the Balkan region in the period ahead is likely to gain in significance. Commenting on the recently held Belgrade Conference of the Balkan Entente the leading Paris daily, "Le Temps", expressed the hope of the members of the Entente sinking smaller or special differences and prudently contributing to a good accord. The position for this, it added, is sufficiently serious. The Turkish Foreign Minister has stressed in a statement newly made the need of Balkan solidarity at an hour, as he put it, when the menace of war looked as prowling into the region of South-eastern Europe.

IN SEARCH OF

MORAL SUPPORT OF CONGRESS

Sind Premier Gets In Touch With Sardar: Long-Range 'Phone Talks

KARACHI, March 1.

The "United Press" understands that Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier, has been in telephonic communication with Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Chairman of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee of the Congress, presumably to acquire moral support to his Ministry, if not active support, from the Congress Party in the Sind Assembly. In the light of the Premier's talk Sardar Patel was in communication with Dr. Choitram Gidwani.

In view of the altered situation, Mr. G. M. Syed and Sheikh Abdul Majid, prominent members of the Muslim League, informed to-day Mr. Nichaldas Vazirani, leader of the Hindu Independent Party in the Assembly, and Dr. Choitram Gidwani, leader of the Congress Party, that they had decided not to take any part in Ministry-making or breaking hereafter.

The Muslim League Party would remain in the Opposition for the remaining two years.

From this it is inferred that Khan Bahadur Allahbux will shortly gain the support of the Hindu Party and the Ministry will acquire stability.—United Press.

SUPPORT ALLAHBUX MINISTRY

Obeidullah's Appeal To Congress And Hindus

KARACHI, March 1.

"Conditions in the villages of Sind are so bad that even if a non-Muslim were the Premier, I would co-operate with him for the betterment of the province," declared Moulvi Obeidullah Sindhi in an interview.

He added: "Since this is not possible under the present circumstances, there are two alternatives either to have the Allahbux's Government or Muslim League Government. I don't think that the Muslim League Ministry would be beneficial to the country under any circumstances. My advice to the Congress and Hindu Parties in the Assembly, therefore, is to support Khan Bahadur Allabux to stabilise the Ministry."—United Press.

POLICE SEARCHES IN SUKKUR

KARACHI, March 1.

The Sukkur Police carried out yesterday widespread searches in Hindu houses there in connection with the recent bomb explosion, which resulted in one Muslim being killed and seventeen others injured. However, nothing incriminating was found.

An additional police force of 250 constables has been posted at Sukkur, where the relations between Hindus and Muslims remain strained.

The Government have further sanctioned a sum of Rs. 25,000 for relief to the sufferers of the riots.

Khan Bahadur Khurro, Leader of the Muslim League Party in the Sind Assembly, left last night for Sukkur to study the communal situation there.—United Press.

JUDICIAL INQUIRY INTO SUKKUR RIOTS

KARACHI, March 1.

The Associated Press is officially informed that the Sind Government has appointed a judicial inquiry to go into the causes of the Sukkur riots and measures taken for its suppression and to assess the damages caused during the riots.

Mr. Weston, Additional Judicial Commissioner, Sind, will conduct the enquiry.

The Associated Press also learns that the Government is contemplating shortly to appoint a tribunal to inquire into the Manzilgah affair.—A.P.

Boycott Of Trams And Buses

KARACHI, Feb. 29.

A decision to boycott trams and buses in Karachi for one day has been taken by the Karachi District Congress Committee as a protest against increase in tram and bus fares. The decision is subject to the approval of the Sind Provincial Congress Committee.

It has been proposed that in order to make the boycott successful Congress volunteers will resort to picketing and Satyagraha also, if necessary.—United Press.

Turkish Premier Says

"Recent Rumours Are Entirely Baseless"

Turkey Is Ready For Mobilisation And War, If National Interests Are Threatened

LONDON, February 29.

"After preparing intensively for the past 12 months, Turkey is now ready for whatever comes," declared Mr. Saydam, Turkish Prime Minister, broadcasting from Ankara to-night.

Stating that Turkey had spent 30,000,000 sterling on the army in the past year, Mr. Saydam said that the recent application of the Turkish Emergency Law had been wrongfully interpreted abroad and at home.

Rumours that Turkey had declared martial law and ordered mobilisation and was preparing for defensive or offensive moves against the Soviet Union were entirely baseless. "Whether we enter war will be decided only from the point of view of our national interests."

The emergency law was introduced as a precaution when external upheavals made it impossible to rely solely on the normal laws of the country. War and mobilisation were heavy responsibilities for the statesmen of Turkey to bear and warranted closest consideration. "Turkey will take these measures when her national interests and existence, are vitally threatened."

RELATION WITH RUSSIA

Referring to Russia Mr. Saydam said in his broadcast, "For the past six months there has been no change in our relations and we do not wish to make any moves against the Soviet. We can see no reason for the Soviet to attack us."

He added, "Our aims and purposes are quite definite. The question of our participation in the war and our foreign policy will not be influenced by any outside combination. The confusion and trouble reigning outside our frontiers will not and must not deter us from passing judgment and taking counsel with a cool head."

After warning the nation that the "crisis which covered a large part of the world is not at our door," Mr. Saydam concluded, "I know every citizen will do his duty."—Reuter.

NO BRITISH SHIPS FOR BLACK SEA

LONDON, March 1.

It is learned there is no truth in the reports that Britain has asked Turkey for permission to send her ships into the Black Sea.—Reuter.

Commons Agrees To India & Burma Orders

LONDON, Feb. 29.

In the House of Commons the India and Burma orders, the debate on which was adjourned on Feb. 15 pending consideration by the House of Lords, were agreed to without further discussion.—Reuter.

CHINA WAR

Crisis In Tokio

TOKYO, March 1.

Mr. Takao Saito, who aroused political storm by the attack on Prince Konoye on the terms to China has resigned from the Diet. At Mr. Saito's request the House Disciplinary Committee postponed the report on his case until he makes a formal announcement of resignation.

The "Miyako Shimbun" states that Mr. Kurahei Yusas, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, has expressed a wish to resign on a suitable occasion in view of what the paper describes as "his delicate political position arising out of the fact that there have been four Cabinets since the outbreak of the China incident."

The newspaper also reports that Mr. Tsuneo Matsudaira, Minister for the Imperial Household, has expressed a desire to resign for private reasons.—Reuter.

JAPAN'S HYPOCRISY UNMASKED

CHUNGKING, Feb. 29.

According to the Chinese press agreements were recently concluded between Tokyo and the Japanese-sponsored Nanking Government giving the Japanese complete control of all natural resources, industries and communications in Central China, preventing third powers participating in business and industrial enterprises.

Newspapers unanimously state that China will never accept such agreements and has no alternative but to carry on with the war.—Reuter.

Inauguration Of Puppet Chinese Govt. Postponed

SHANGHAI, March 1.

The inauguration of the new Japanese-sponsored Central Government in China has been postponed until April 2, according to the "Shanghai Evening Post."

The personnel will include General Wang Ching Wei as President of the Executive Yuan and Foreign Minister and Mr. Liang Chung Chih, head of the Nanking-reformed Government, as President of Legislative Yuan.

The new Government, it is stated, will comprise of five Yuans and 14 Ministers.—Reuter.

MADRAS GOVERNOR DESIGNATE

MADRAS, March 1.

The Hon'ble Captain Sir Arthur Hope, Governor-Designate of Madras, arrives here on the morning of March 12 by a special train, from Bombay. He will be sworn in as the Governor at the Banqueting Hall of the Government House, immediately after his arrival.

His Excellency Lord Erskine, the outgoing Governor, will leave by a special train for Bombay "en route" to England on the morning of March 8.—United Press.

Leaders Leave Patna

PATNA, March 1.

The Congress Working Committee, before dispersing finally this evening, adopted the General Secretary's annual report presented at the first day's sitting.

Except Mrs. Sarojini Naidu and Mr. Bhulabhai Desai who are staying till to-morrow all other leaders have left for their respective destinations.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad left for Calcutta by the Punjab Mail from where he will proceed to Ramgarh on March 13.—A. P.

TO SHOW REAL INDIA ON THE SCREEN

Ram Bagai Will Make Films For World Market

Mr. Ram Bagai, the first Indian to receive practical training in motion picture production in Hollywood, arrived in Bombay from U. S. A. on board s.s. "Tangu Maru" on Friday evening. He was received at the Mole Station by members of the Executive Committee of the Film Journalists Association of India.

Mr. Bagai, a young Indian, who has lived for many years in U. S. A. and received his education at Stanford University and the University of South California, Los Angeles, has experience of practical motion picture work under such eminent directors as William Dieterlie (the creator of such masterpieces as "Louis Pasteur", "Emile Zola" and "Juarez."

Questioned about the object of his visit to India, Mr. Bagai revealed the interesting fact that he had been commissioned to produce films of India for international exhibition. "My ambition, as a son of India, is to show to the world the real India, so that the impression created by anti-Indian films can be removed."

"RANGA MELA" AT CAPITOL

Harin, Sunitadevi And Sunalini To Appear On Stage

"Ranga Mela," a unique revue, will be presented at the Capitol from this evening for a week. It is an entertaining programme of dance and music organised by Harindranath Chattopadhya who will himself appear in some of the important items. The well-known film danseuse, Sunita Devi, will give several dances including the "Churiwala" dance which has made her so popular in "Jeevan Naiya." Sunalini Devi, another well-known dancer, will also appear in the programme.

DUTCH COMMISSION ON CONVOY SYSTEM

THE HAGUE, March 1.

A Dutch Government Commission on Safety at Sea has decided that there are technical difficulties in the way of plans for affording more security to Dutch ships by adopting the convoy system or sailing in groups of two or more.

The Commission is examining the question of having special routes marked out and patrolled by small vessels with a view to help being rendered in the event of disaster.—Reuter.

Shot In Life-Boats Laid At Rest

LONDON, March 1.

A message received at the Admiralty, sent at the request of the Master of the German steamer "Wakama" for transmission to Germany if possible reads:—"To Westliniehamburg. Rumours about the crew of "Wakama" being shot at in lifeboats are untrue. The 33 officers and men are all well and interned on board the British cruiser. Please inform relatives where possible (signed) eschacht."

Some days after the scuttling of the "Wakama", reports from German sources were circulated that the crew of the "Wakama" were fired at while in lifeboats, while another report stated that a lifeboat had been washd ashore in South America bearing marks of bullets. Investigations of these reports showed that they were untrue and now the German Captain himself has denied them.—Reuter.

DANISH APPEAL TO BELLIGERENTS

COPENHAGEN March 1.

The Government intends to address an appeal to both Belligerents with a view to alleviating as much as possible the unhappy effects of sea warfare on neutral Danish shipping, declared the Foreign Minister M. Munch in a statement to the "Berlingske Tidende."—Reuter.

NEW YORK, Mar. 1.

According to the "New York Times' Monte Video correspondent the German cargo ship "Lahn" (8,498 tons) is preparing to sail with a cargo of wool and hides. Eight of the crew have deserted.—Reuter.

CONGRESSMAN ARRESTED UNDER DEFENCE ACT

LYALLPUR, Feb. 29.

S. Kartar Singh, President of the Congress Committee Chak No. 52, has been arrested under the Defence of India Act for reciting a poem at a political conference.—United Press.

Socialist Leader Sent To Jail

TIRUVANNAMALAI, Feb. 29.

Mr. T. M. Kuppuswami, a Socialist leader, has been sentenced by the First Class Magistrate of Tiruvannamalai to eighteen months' rigorous imprisonment under the Defence of India Act for alleged violation of an order prohibiting him from leaving Tiruvannamalai and delivering any speech till the order was in force.—United Press.

PUNJAB BUDGET

LAHORE, March 1.

The Hon'ble Mr. Monoharlal, Finance Minister, Punjab Government, presented the Budget for the year 1940-41 to-day in the Punjab Legislative Assembly which shows a revenue deficit of Rs. 28 lakhs, the total estimated revenue receipts being Rs. 11,74 lakhs, and the expenditure Rs. 12,02 lakhs.—United Press

Shukla Rejects Conditions For Bail

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT March 1.

It is learnt that in pursuance of the talk between Captain Pearson and Mr. Chimanlal Shah, Mr. Chimanlal saw Mr. Vajoobhai Shukla in jail. It is further learnt that Mr. Vajoobhai is not prepared to accept any conditions, for release or bail though his daughter is very sick.

He is reported to have expressed the view that he would accept only those conditions, which are accepted by other persons arrested under the Defence of India Rules in British India.

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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Ramgarh will show the British Government what the voice of a nation means. The direct action resolution may be the turning point in our history. How much better if it was the turning point in the British attitude to India!

The Sind College Miscellany comes to me as a pleasant surprise. Although on account of the war, the quality of paper has deteriorated, I see that the crest of the College "Be Men" has not altered and is reflected in the quality of production.

The Finance Member is reported to have had a good night. A maiden effort that had more effect than a maiden over. Six wickets of the tax-payer for no runs.

On the mill industries chessboard it is the turn of capital to make the next move. Will they move a pawn or sacrifice a Queen?

Tommy Farr declines to punch or be punched by Joe Luois when he could punch a handful of Nazis.

We have moved so far in India, that even a country-bred horse will hold his own against the best imported stuff in Class I to-morrow. If Pompadour should win to-morrow, it will be a triumph of Indian horse-breeding.

U. S. ENVOY IN BERLIN

(Continued from page 1.)

versation with Mr. Sumner Welles.—Reuter.

Myron Taylor At Vatican

VATICAN CITY, March 1.

President Roosevelt's representative, Mr. Myron Taylor, had a long conversation with the two principal assistants to the Papal Secretary of State.

NAZI PROPAGANDA!

LONDON, March 1.

A socalled peace plan published under the auspices of Lord Tavistock and the British Council for Christian Settlement in Europe has aroused only limited interest in the newspapers of Britain and some like the "Times" ignore it altogether.

In political quarters, says "Reuter's" Diplomatic Correspondent, the plan is not taken seriously. It is regarded as another manifestation of Peace Offensive which has been sponsored by German propagandist agents and it is pointed out that it is in striking contrast to Herr Hitler's latest speech and to the recent renewed outbreaks of hate against Britain.

The terms of the plan for which German official backing is claimed, provide:

Firstly for a reconstituted State of Slovakia providing it remains neutral; Secondly for an Independent Polish State with an outlet on the sea and with facilities for railway communications and use of the Vistula;

Thirdly, Germany may arrange for a plebiscite in Austria, but will not accept international interference;

Fourthly, Germany is prepared to join the League of Nations subject to guarantees of fair play;

Fifthly, Germany is prepared to consider proposals to enable her to attain raw materials from the Colonies without necessarily insisting on their return, provided they do not involve gold payments.

The sponsor of the plan, Lord Tavistock, has been actively associated in recent years with Communism, Pacifism, Social Credit and National Socialism. One of his former colleagues is now believed to be "Lord Haw-Haw" who is the German broadcaster in English. Gordon Canning is another member of the Council for Christian Settlement who was also until recently a member of the British Fascist Party.

In official quarters it is pointed out that British Peace Aims have been made abundantly clear by the recent speeches of Mr. Chamberlain and Lord Halifax.—Reuter.

Red Army Within Two Miles Of Viborg

City Razed To Ground: Civil Population Evacuates

Air Raids Over Helsinki: Koivisto Peninsula Falls: Desperate Stand By Finns

LONDON, March 1.

THE POSITION OF THE FINNS IS EXTREMELY GRAVE, ACCORDING TO LATEST REPORTS FROM FINLAND.

THE RUSSIANS NOW CLAIM TO BE WITHIN TWO MILES OF THE CITY OF VIBORG.

THE AUTHORITIES IN HELSINKI ADMIT THAT THE FINNISH POSITION IS SERIOUS BUT NOT HOPELESS.

AS THE FINNS FALL BACK THEY ARE OCCUPYING NEWLY PREPARED POSITIONS.

AFTER THREE MONTHS OF FIGHTING THE RUSSIANS HAVE PENETRATED ONLY 50 MILES ON THE KARELIAN FRONT.

VIBORG WHICH HAD A POPULATION OF 80,000 IS NOW EMPTY OF CIVILIANS AND HARDLY A BUILDING IS STANDING.—Reuter.

FIERCE BATTLE FOR CAPTURE OF VIBORG

HELSINKI, March 1.

The fight for Viipuri is still raging with terrible violence. Russians are constantly bringing up new troops in order to maintain the offensive with scant regard for their heavy losses from murderous Finnish fire, the Red Army has for some days been carrying on incessant attacks in order to smother Finnish resistance by sheer weight of numbers.

Under this enormous pressure the Finns have been obliged to retire still further and the Russians have succeeded in forcing a wedge into Finnish positions so that at one point they are only about five miles from Viipuri itself.

It is claimed, however, that there is no question of a real break through and the Finns are continuing to defend themselves with great determination and have withdrawn in good order to previously prepared positions. Russian attacks are costing the Red army unbelievable amount in men and material.

KOIVISTO IN RUSSIAN HANDS

The Russians are also directing attacks against islands in Viipuri bay. The whole of Koivisto peninsula is in Soviet hands. It is recognised that the Finnish position is grave but there is still no reason for pessimism.

It is emphasised that in a great battle like this, it is not always the question of how much ground is held that is the decisive factor.

MOSCOW CLAIMS

A Moscow message says: A "communique" issued by the Headquarters of the Leningrad Military Area claims that the Soviet troops have reached a point only two kilometres south of Viipuri.

The "communique" states that on February 29, the Soviet troops successfully continued developing offensive on the Karelian Isthmus. They occupied the Viipuri-Valkjarvi railway line and the stations at Ayrapaa, Heinjokv and Pero (east of Viipuri) and also the town of Ylaşainio and the summer cottages on the eastern coast of Viipuri, two kilometres south of Viipuri.

On February 28 and 29, the Soviet troops captured 270 enemy fortifications besides the 42 mentioned in yesterday's "communique". On the other sectors of the front no important changes occurred.—Reuter.

VIIPURI HOLDS OUT STILL

LONDON, March 1.

Nothing except the Finnish flag flying over Viipuri castle gives the city, which only a few weeks ago, was only slightly damaged any sign of life. Shells are falling into, at the rate of 20 rounds every two minutes.

Military experts in Stockholm consider that the worst danger facing the Finns is the possibility of a determined Russian advance over the ice of the Bay of Viipuri to the Mainland. The fall of Viipuri, it is considered, would not be decisive for Finns, because they could withdraw to new defensive positions in the hills around Viipuri.—Reuter.

Russian Air Raids Over Finland

LONDON, March 1.

Fourteen civilians were killed in Russian air-raids over Southern Finland yesterday and several villages were set on fire. The Finns claim to have brought down three planes near Helsinki.

Helsinki had two air raid alarms this morning but no bombs were dropped.—Reuter.

PRIMATE'S ASSURANCE TO FINLAND

LONDON, March 1.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, speaking at Mansion House said, "the Russian attack on Finland is an instance of a tendency which is afflicting the world by which any power, which thinks it has sufficient brute force is ready in its own interests to assault and invade the freedom and independence of any other. Let the people of Finland understand that when the victory of the Allies is secured and once for all this reign of brute force is ended in Europe, Finland will be restored to freedom and independence."—Reuter.

Finnish Note To League

GENEVA, March 1.

M. Holsti, Finnish Minister in Switzerland, has handed to the League Secretariat a Note protesting against alleged illegal methods of warfare by the Soviets, giving examples like the use of gas, explosive bullets, misuse of the white flag and bombing of churches, hospitals and unprotected towns and villages.—Reuter.

SWEDISH VOLUNTEERS ON FINNISH FRONT

HELSINKI, March 1.

Wireless reports that the first detachment of Swedish volunteers has now taken up positions on the front line, relieving some of the tired Finnish troops.

Further positions will soon be taken over by other Scandinavian volunteers.—Reuter.

NO ALTERNATIVE TO GENERAL STRIKE

(Continued from page 1.)

is just and legitimate and appeals to the Governor of Bombay who intervened in the Ahmedabad dispute to intervene in the Bombay dispute also to avert a crisis which will result in a huge loss to the employers, employees and general public.—United Press.

The Kamgar Seva Sangh which is the only other organisation of Textile Workers in the city, apart from the Girni Kamgar Union, has issued a statement, extending its moral support to the workers.

The Secretary of the Kamgar Seva Sangh has also issued another long statement justifying the stand which they took up before the Conciliation Board for an increase of 20 per cent. in the wages of workers. He says that the argument put forward by the Board for accepting certain figures as valid and rejecting others was contradictory in itself.

Seamen Support Textile Workers

At an extraordinary general meeting of the Seamen's Union, support was extended to the Textile workers' demands and the B. P. T. U. C. was informed that the seamen were ready for direct action for cent percent increase in wages on account of war recognition of the Union and employment in strict rotation.

Citizens' To Support Textile Workers

Under the auspices of the various organisations, including the "A" and "F" Ward Congress Committees, Gumasta Maha Mandal, Bombay Students' Union, Kalbadevi Gumasta Mandal, Youth Association, Bharat Seva Sangh "C" Ward Forward Bloc, Bombay Akali Dal, Congress Sikh Party, Shri Guru Govind Singh Sabha, etc, a mass meeting of the Citizens of Bombay will be held on Sunday, 3rd March, at 6-30 p. m. at Chowpatty to support the just and reasonable demand of the Textile workers of the City.

BOMBAY TRAFFIC WORKERS' DEMANDS

A dearness allowance of 25 per cent., was demanded by Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas for all Tramway Traffic workers. The Union demanded a Board of conciliation from Government to settle the matter.

A Resolution regarding the desirability of amalgamating all the various existing Unions of the Tramway Company into a single powerful Union in the interests of the workers or at least, the formation at an early date of a Joint Council of the Unions, for presenting their demands before the Company, was unanimously passed again at the Meeting.

LATHI-CHARGE ON HOTEL WORKERS

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Secretary of the Lal-Bavta Hotel workers writes:

A procession of Hotel Workers was taken out from Kandewadi at 10 a.m. to-day. When the procession reached at Chira Bazaar; the police arrested one of the workers; the police was requested not to arrest the worker.

The police did not pay any attention, and the workers did not allow to take that worker into custody. Two European Sergeants and 20 police with Lathis came on the scene and began Lathi charge whereby 3 workers were seriously injured and they are removed to J J Hospital.

DEARNESS ALLOWANCE FOR LOW-PAID MUNICIPAL WORKERS

Ahmedabad President's Move

AHMEDABAD, March 1.

A resolution recommending to pay Rs. 2 as dearness allowance to all Municipal servants with pay below Rs. 40 including Harijans and women, will be moved at the next meeting of the Municipality by the President. The President will ask the General Board to sanction it as a measure of relief.

PROFITS TAX BILL CONCESSIONS

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ded points with His Majesty's Government which is their subordinate agent, even if they tried their best could hardly secure financial justice for India.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Mr. Manu Subedar was of opinion that the Distribution of Revenues Order was a breach of contract with the Provinces over which they were not consulted involving in effect a contribution from the provinces of four and half crores of rupees per year for three years. The distribution of incometax to Provinces was arbitrarily linked to the income from railways and there would now be an equally arbitrary divorce unless the Finance Member acts on additional information. "His estimates must be regarded as unduly conservative and harsh and the proposals for new taxes, with an indication about prospective surcharges on incometax must evoke opposition. It will be a case of precarious Public Finance reflecting financial distress of the public with a disastrous check on trade and industry.

BENGAL PROTEST

CALCUTTA, March 1.

A protest against the proposals of the Government of India to raise additional taxation to the extent of Rs. 6 crores 30 lakhs in order to balance the deficit for the next year has been made by the Committee of Bengal National Chamber of Commerce in a letter addressed to the Government of India to-day.

The Committee points out that the entire amount of the deficit is caused by abnormal factors created by the war and the Government have been well advised in carrying the deficit over instead of trying to meet the same by increased taxation. The Committee feel that the Government were unjustifiably anxious to balance the budget at any cost, a procedure which might be justifiable in normal conditions, but absolutely uncalled for in the existing abnormal situation.—A. P.

PROFITS TAX BILL IN SELECT COMMITTEE

NEW DELHI, March 1.

The 'United Press' lobby correspondent learns that two important amendments have been tentatively agreed to in the Select Committee on the Excess Profits Tax Bill, to-day.

It appears that the Government accepted the amendment to raise the limit of exemption from taxation to Rs. 30,000 instead of Rs. 20,000 as provided in the Bill.

It appears that, according to unofficial estimate, this will affect the revenue to the extent of Rs. 25 lakhs. Another amendment which has been provisionally accepted includes the year 1938 as the standard year, so that the assessees would have the option of calculation of tax above normal profits earned in 1938. This was one of the important demands of the commercial community.

It is estimated that this amendment would affect the returns under the Excess Profits Tax to the extent of one crore and a quarter or a crore and a half. Three main industries to benefit under the amendment are iron and steel, textiles and dyeing.—United Press.

MUTT AND JEFF—Oh, Well, Snow Is Snow Anywhere You Find It — By BUD FISHER

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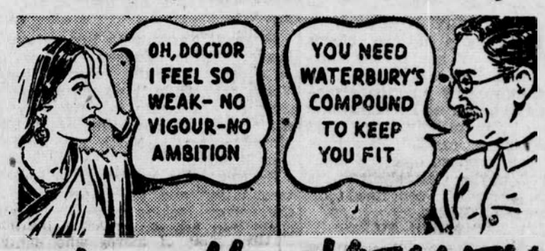

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INTENSIVE ANTI-INDIAN CAMPAIGN IN CEYLON

500,000 Indian Labourers Are Without Village Or Home

Dharam Yash Dev, Secretary Indians Overseas Department of the All-India Congress Committee has issued the following statement to the press:

In spite of goodwill missions and prolonged peace parleys the Indo-Ceylon relations continue to be as strained as ever. After a brief respite since Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's return Ceylon's anti-Indian campaign to-day is no less intense than it was a year ago. It goes on and our countrymen in Ceylon are being attacked on various fronts. Every day new bans and discriminatory measures are suggested and the already pitiable plight of our compatriots is becoming more tragic and helpless.

The Board of Ministers not very long ago proposed a number of new laws which would deprive Indians in Ceylon of the right to practise various professions. One of these proposals is that henceforth no Indian, who has not been practising as an accountant for seven years in the Island may be admitted to the Ceylon Register of Accountants. By another legislation, the Commerce Member has decided to openly discriminate against the Indian Life Insurance companies operating in Ceylon. According to the proposed legislation while all Indian companies will be required to place with the Ceylon Government large deposits as a condition precedent to registration the British and other Empire companies will be exempted from such restriction "provided they are considered of proved integrity in their countries of origin." This policy of racial discrimination is not confined to accountancy and insurance.

Clashes of a violent nature are quite frequent and at one place or another some sort of riot is always in sight. Venomous and threatening letters are sent to Indian merchants and various leaders of the community. Indian labourers in Ceylon plantations are being victimised as they have never been victimised before. "The Indian workers", writes the Secretary of the Lanka Sama Samaj, "are in no better position than that of slaves who cannot invite anyone to their houses unless such a visit meets with the approval of the planter in charge of the estate." The law as it stands forbids anyone to enter any estate without the permission of the management and any labourer who stays on an estate after the period of his employment or after the termination of his monthly contract is regarded as a criminal trespasser.

Any worker who is suspected of having pro-Trade Union views or who takes active part in the Trade Union activities is dangerous and is in the first place hounded from one division of an estate to another and then charged as criminal trespasser in the Police Courts. According to our information as a result of various acts of oppression and persecution there have been a number of minor strikes in the different plantations during recent months.

But a recent case of this nature which had graver consequences has caused much anger and resentment throughout the Indian colony in Ceylon. Early this year there was a strike in one of the divisions of the Mooloya Estate which employs over 1,400 Indian workers. To make enquiries about this the All Ceylon Plantation Workers' Union sent their Secretary Mr. Vellachamy to meet and negotiate with the manager of the Estate. The Manager, Mr. Sparling, not only refused to co-operate with him but had him immediately arrested and charged with criminal trespass. Later on Mr. Vellachmy was sentenced to three months rigorous imprisonment. A few workers and their women and children had gathered to protest against this. Various police cars appeared on the scene and one of the cars ran over one of the workers named Perisamy. The workers got excited and started shouting and raising cries. A few minutes later, from one of the cars jumped a policeman who fired and killed another worker named Govindan, who was hit in the groin and died instantaneously. It is said that Govindan was neither a striker nor a demonstrator but was on his job and coming from his work. Now a public enquiry has been ordered and the District Judge has been ordered to find out if the firing was justified or not. In the meantime the police have launched a prosecution against 13 workers who are alleged to be leaders of the Mooloya Estate strike.

NEED FOR INDIA-WIDE PROTESTS

We take this opportunity of communicating this request to the press and public in India. The Indian workers in Ceylon have for years suffered in silence. For over a century they have been treated like dumb animals. Now that some of them are asking for their legitimate rights to live like human beings—they are being victimised and terrorised. Over 500,000 Indian labourers in Ceylon who are there as permanent population of the Island are without a village or home. When their employment is terminated for one reason or another they are labelled as vagrants and criminal trespassers. This is an undesirable position which needs our immediate attention and India-wide protests.

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OUR READERS' VIEWS

The War And India

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—The outbreak of the present European War was thought by many Indians to herald a wave of industrial activity and expansion and rise in prices of agricultural commodities, after a long period of depression. In fact, there was an outburst of activity in all the markets in the initial stage. Prices of industrial products and commodities rose and there was a feeling of buoyance all round. After the years of great depression, it came as a great relief. The all round speculation pushed up prices a little too rapidly, but prices in due course, would have found their proper level. But at this stage, the Government of India stepped in. The fact that big orders had been placed in India on account of various Allied Governments was considered sufficient justification for levying an Excess Profits Tax. It was entirely forgotten that an acute period of depression had preceded the declaration of war and Jute and Textile industries in particular had been passing through very bad times. The prices of agricultural commodities had been similarly standing at uneconomic levels all these years, and the Government of India had not raised their little figure to better their condition. Thus there was little justification in the Government to interfere on the present occasion. But the fact that the War Supply Board had to make purchases in India for foreign Governments as cheaply as possible apparently weighed the scales against India and the Government of India woke up to necessity of price control and excess profits tax and increase in railway rates, and one does not know what further imposts the coming Central Budget is going to disclose.

The greatest need of India is the necessity of an all round increase in wealth of her people, and this increase can only be brought about by a rapid industrialisation of the Country. The war was calculated to give the much needed impetus for achieving that object on account of restricted imports and increasing demand with the rise in prices of India's commodities.

All the measures adopted by the Government of India so far are calculated to have a contrary result. The Excess Profits Tax in Great Britain with the immense expenditure in war was necessary and proper as the preparations in England with its 5 years programme were started years before the war actually broke out. But in India, the impost of 50 per cent. and that too, only after a few months of war orders to a few industries is absolutely unjustified. It will affect different industries differently. But it will affect the mill industry of this Province much more than the other industries.

It avails little to say that the extra revenues will be spent in India. The question is whether it will be spent for the benefit of India, and on Indians. If in the very first year of War, taxation of this nature is imposed, one does not know what taxation will be imposed on this country with the further progress of the War.—Yours, etc.

R. J. MANERSHAW.

Bombay Fire Brigade

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—I have read Mr. J. C. Shah's letter. It seems to me he has some personal grudge against Mr. Coombs otherwise he would not write in the way he does. Does Mr. Shah realise or appreciate the sacredness of the word of honour—written or oral? Before Mr. Coombs left his service in the London Fire Brigade, he was not asked to sacrifice his promotion and pension to come to Bombay to train some Indian and then go to the wals. But he was given a solemn promise that his term of service would be renewed every five years till he had attained his 55th year. On that understanding, he left the London Fire Brigade and now is it fair to ask him to go away and find out some other job? What will Mr. Shah do himself under similar circumstances, if he has to leave his work and go to say East Africa—on the understanding that he shall continue in service there till he is 55 years and afterwards to start a crusade against him to train some Africanander and then go to his native land?

Mr. Coombs had a chance to train an Indian undergraduate in the Bombay Fire Brigade. Then two more Indian undergraduates are taken last year and if they prove their ability, they will have a good chance too. But to say that Mr. Coombs should go away for no rhyme or reason is simply ridiculous. The Municipal Commissioner is the best judge of the abilities of Mr. Coombs as a Fire Brigade Chief and not Mr Shah.—Yours, etc.,

M. N. KHAN.

POINTS FROM LETTERS

Ahmedabad Pinjrapole

A. M. VAHIVATWAR says: "Due to scarcity of rain the districts of Cutch, Kathiawar, Gujrat, Mewar and Marwar are suffering from serious famine situation. The peasants, due to scarcity of fodder and grain have been selling their animals at nominal prices. Under these circumstances the Ahmedabad Pinjrapole is over-crowded with more than 7,500 animals while the income, owing to unsteady commercial situation and other reasons, has decreased.

It is a hard time for the institution to maintain so many animals in the summer season which is brewing near. It dejends upon the humanitarian philanthropists' aid to carry on this hard task of maintaining the great number of animals."

Prohibition

J. GONSALVES says: "Since the introduction of Prohibition in Bombay City and Suburbs, places such as Bassein, Kalyan and Uran have been the habitual resorts of Drunks. It would not be an exaggeration to mention here of the disorderly behaviour of these visitors, who if they have been fortunate enough not to lie in the local lock-ups and pay heavy fines for their release the next day, are seen lying by the roadside for the whole night."

Scottish Red Cross

LORD KINNAIRD says: "The main object of the British Red Cross Society, of which the King is Patron and the Queen, President, is to aid the sick and wounded in war and it is nationally and internationally recognised as the Empire's premier organisation existing for that object.

Scottish Red Cross work parties are busily engaged preparing dressings and comforts of all kinds, and many thousands of comforts and supplies have been sent overseas including Finland. A Hospital Library Scheme has been organised and consignments of books have been forwarded to Medical Units of the British Expeditionary Force in France and to Military Hospitals in Great Britain. Arrangements are in hand for the establishment of Convalescent Hospitals and for the provision of food and clothing to prisoners of war.

The Navy, Army, and Air Force Services and the general nursing arrangements of the Country are being greatly assisted by the Scottish Red Cross Nursing Service—V. A. D.'s and Red Cross Detachments. Up to 31st December last over 6,600 Scottish Red Cross members enrolled in the Civil Nursing Reserve. The Scottish Branch's first convoy of 26 Motor Ambulances and 15 Trailers is now in operation."

God In Education

A ZOROASTRIAN says:—"I wish every schoolmaster and parent will read the book entitled 'God in Education' by M. L. Jacks, M.A., Director of the Department of Education, Oxford University (London: Rich and Cowen, 1939)."

Nutrition Plan

KITCHENER D'COSTA says:—"The recent plan of Nizam's Government in sanctioning three years for Nutritional Survey is very much to be appreciated. As the step is of great importance for the general health of the public."

Quran And A. I. R.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—For the last three years or so the Delhi Radio Station has been broadcasting the Holy Quran and its commentary. This proved a great success due to their wise selection of the Qazi. But some time in November, 1939, they put up a new Qazi before the microphone for the first time. He could hardly finish the recitation when Muslims knowing the art of Quran recitation and Hafiz began to clamour. The Qazi not only neglected the principles of Quran recitation (Qira-at) but he committed mistakes in reading the vowel sounds correctly.

Some Urdu papers have drawn attention to mistakes in detail in their issues and demanded from the radio authorities stopping of such broadcast. Besides protests were made directly to the director and others.

Will some Council or Assembly member or Muslim Leaguer-self-appointed protector of Islam, take up the matter?—Yours, etc.

N. D. MEERTHI

Delhi, Feb. 15.

THE NAZI CONCEPTION OF LAW

(Continued from page 6.)

must itself be racially pure. This is to justify the Semite prosecution, which Germany has ruthlessly carried on since the advent of Hitler.

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The author has devoted a small concluding chapter on the Nazi attitude to International Law. I do not think that anyone need write about this theme which has brought us the second Great War of our generation and which has been expounded by the Nazis themselves in all the pledges they have broken. For the present, therefore, Mr. Walter Jones' little book must be read for the light it throws on the Germany which is at war. Years later when the jurist and the historian can look over events in cold blood we shall be able to understand whether the Nazis had a conception of law at all, or whether their regime was not just one lapse into barbarism from which we thought we had extricated our civilisation.

SWEEPERS' STRIKE DECLARED ILLEGAL

(From Our Correspondent.)

BHAVNAGAR, March 1.

Yesterday was the second day of Sweepers' strike. No compromise has yet been reached.

In the name of public health the State has declared a "state of emergency" and declared that the strike was illegal.

Government House News

Major Yemin-ul-Mulk Nawabzada Rashiduzzafar Khan of Bhopal, Lt.-Colonel and Mrs. A. J. Ransford, Lt.-Colonel G. M. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. B. K. Nehru, Dr. and Mrs. A. T. W. Simeons, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Suren and Mr. and Mrs. V. Corbett Wright lunched at Government House.

Sir Ardeshir and Lady Dalal, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Shuttleworth, Mr. F. H. Kemple, Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Shavaksha and Miss Clayton dined at Government House.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Lumley attended a Cinema Performance at the Metro Cinema in aid of the Indian Red Cross and St. Dunstan's.

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Truth had to go out, so particularly there was no other alternative, the 'Group' left, so that the Truth and Non-violence may survive, a generous but inevitable and forced gesture.

By this timely action, the Sangh is saved, but what about the High Command and the Congress? The same cult of 'Truth' and 'Non-violence' apparently also govern the Gandhian Main No. II the National Congress. If the 'Pujaries' are unfit to worship in one temple, they are equally disqualified for the other.

NO SUCH ABDICATION FROM 'LUCRATIVE' CONGRESS

Here the problem becomes little more intricate, because they will not abdicate so easily from this glamorous and lucrative shrine; here again the two alternatives press themselves, either the group must be sacrificed or 'Truth' and 'Non-violence' must go. We have no doubt that so far as this 'Fountain of Power and Patronage' is concerned, 'Truth' and 'Non-violence' will be sacrificed to retain the Group the natural human instinct of self-preservation comes into play.

The Sangh was publicly charged with active participation in both Power and party politics. Circulars issued by Rightists, canvassing support from Sangh members were published in the Press, and there were instances where Sangh members were called to explain their conduct for obeying their conscience and supporting Subhas Babu's candidature or participating in Bombay and Nagpur controversies. Thus there is ample evidence to prove that the Sangh was exploited for political purposes and our only regret is that this step was not taken much earlier; as it is the mischief is already done; the group is entrenched with the help of this other similar agencies.

The credit for this belated but bold corrective goes to its courageous ex-President Mr. Kishorlal Mashruwalla. He has been attempting this purge for some time past and at times was frankly outspoken in his condemnation of political activities of its members.

NEED FOR "CASTOR-OIL PURGE"

A similar strong castor-oil purge is necessary for the present-day Congress; but with regard to the High Command, Gandhiji is a different Task-Master; the policy there is 'Spare the rod and spoil the child'; there the purge will have to be prescribed and administered by some other physician.

Gandhi Seva Sangh

NARIMAN ON ITS RESOLUTION

Mr. K. F. Nariman says in the course of a statement:—

"To-day, the atmosphere of Hindustan is such that whatever we do, there would be opposition to that," thus pathetically confesses 'Sirdar' Vallabhbhai Patel in a recent speech.

Has he paused for a moment to inquire and consider, as to why is there not only universal opposition to what they do but also wide-spread hostility and demonstration against them?

Gandhiji has given a correct explanation for this changed phenomena. In the same meeting, in the spiritual environment of Malikanda, where Sirdar, in a penitent mood, made the above pathetic confession Gandhiji in a castigating mood, pronounced his judgment and verdict against some of his erstwhile trusted Lieutenants.

His verdict was, that the transformation is due to 'Power Politics' that has caused all dissensions and disruption in the Congress and has mutilated 'Truth and almost murdered 'Non-violence'; and lest his pet organisation, the 'Seva Sangh' should suffer the same cruel fate as the Congress as a precautionary measure he has rightly imposed a timely ban and declared all Power Politicians as unfit to be its members.

'HOBSON'S CHOICE' HAD TO BE MADE

Hence, automatically, Sirdar and his Group, the principal 'delinquents,' drop out. That verdict and consequent walk out by direct implication at once convict that group of practising 'Power Politics' in the Congress, a charge which has been constantly levelled against them and which they have so far indignantly denied.

But it is difficult to defend when Gandhiji indicts, hence following the safe adage of warriors and politicians that 'discretion is the better part of valour' the valiant group strategically retires with good grace and without fight, making virtue of necessity"; they declare that they go out as saviours of the Sangh thus again inadvertently admitting that their presence in the 'Sacred Shrine' of 'Truth' and 'Non-violence' is both injurious to the cause and damaging to its spiritual reputation. Hobson's choice' had to be made if 'Truth and Non-violence' in a genuine type cannot be lodged in the same home, where the 'Group Power Politics' resided, then either the Group or the

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"ADMI" WINS BLUE RIBAND OF INDIAN SCREEN

MERLE OBERON
In "Over The Moon" at the Excelsior.

Merle Oberon In "Over The Moon" At The Excelsior

This week the Excelsior Theatre are screening the latest Alexander Korda Technicolour picture, "Over The Moon." This is a comedy romance starring Merle Oberon, with a supporting cast headed by Rex Harrison, Louis Borrell, Robert Douglas, Ursula Jeans and Zena Dare.

The story, written specially for the star by Robert Sherwood, author of "The Ghost Goes West" and one of America's most successful and talented dramatists, provides Miss Oberon with a role in direct contrast to the heavy drama of "Wuthering Heights." She is cast as a rather kittenish counterpart to "Mr. Deeds," as a North country girl who inherits an enormous fortune and slips into a life of gaiety, forgetting her local doctor sweetheart.

Her activities at the Monte Carlo gaming tables, the smart night clubs of London, the cafes of Paris, and the gay casinos and golden sands of the Riviera are front page news while her mad gambol last. Then comes disillusionment and she remembers her former sweetheart. By a ruse she persuades him to go with her to Italy, and with the help of a series of mythical troubles she convinces him just in time to get married. Together they find happiness.

A scene from "Dancing Co-Ed" at the Metro.

"DANCING CO-ED" AT THE METRO

"Dancing Co-Ed," which opened yesterday at the Metro Theatre, is a parade of youth, romance, comedy and glamour, with Artie Shaw leading the band.

Featuring Lana Turner and Richard Carlson with the Swing King, this comedy with music is a picture keyed to the modern tempo that not only should draw the jitterbugs to the box-office—Shaw will take care of that!—but may prove popular entertainment for those who know nothing about jitterbugs and care less.

It is the story of a motion picture press agent who sends a vaudeville hoofer (Lana Turner) to college as a plant and then announces a nationwide contest to find America's greatest dancing co-ed. With her he sends a collegebred secretary (Ann Rutherford) to take her exams for her. Then he follows them up with Artie Shaw's band for the contest. But the little hoofer falls in love with a college newspaper editor (Richard Carlson) who has her kidnapped on the night of the contest when he learns who she is and why she is there. The result is that the secretary wins the dance contest and likewise the chance to star in Hollywood.

ADMI

Producer—Prabhat Film Co., Poona.
Story and Scenario—Bhaskar Rao.
Dialogues and Songs—Anant Kanekar and Munshi Ajiz
Music Direction—Krishna Rao.
Cinematography—V. Avadhoot.
Audiography—S. Damle.
Cast: Shanta Hublikar, Shahu Modak, Bai Sundrabai, Buwa Saheb, Gouri, Ram Marathey, Chhotu, etc.

Director: V. Shantaram

Three days after the national premiere of "Admi" in Bombay, the "Chronicle" came out with a full-page review of the picture, extracts from which are reproduced below:—

"Admi' promises to be the greatest Indian film of 1939. . . .

"No superlatives shall be used, for "Admi" is not a 'superlative production! It is not Glorious, Glamorous nor Gorgeous, it is not the deathless saga of this, that or the other, it is far from being spectacular, and it definitely is not colossal. Above all, it is not a poem in celluloid.

"It is none of these things, for life is none of these things. Life—at least for most of us—is neither glamorous nor spectacular and its reality cannot be expressed in the rosy tints of poetry but only in the stark black and white of prose.

"Shantaram scrupulously avoids the conventional cliches and tricks of 'destructive' directors.... He eschews both the rose-and-nightingale romanticism and the tear-stained, hysterical outburst against society. He hitches his wagon not to the stars but to the earth. Realism is the key-note of "Admi".....

"With infinite tact and imagination, and helped by an intelligent interpretation of the role by vivacious and versatile Shanta Hublikar, the scenarist and the director have built up this portrait of Kesar—her gay abandon, her whimsical moods, her courage, her passion for self-reform and, finally, her doubts about her own worth (born not out of cowardice or lack of self-respect but forced on her by a superstitious, taboo-ridden social order which engulf her like hungry waves of the sea and cause the ultimate tragedy....

"'Life is For Living"—and even the loss of one's sweetheart should tempt one to betray this supreme trust! Even if the heart bleeds, one must march on, as Moti the constable does in the final scene.

"This, then, is the point and purpose of "Admi"....And, even, if there was nothing in it but this bold statement I would ask people to go and see it.

"But, actually, there is much more. There is even plentiful entertainment—songs and satire and flashes of humour—not superimposed from outside but well integrated in the main pattern of Bhaskarrao's excellent and original script, convincingly 'put over' through the dialogues of Kanekar and Munshi Ajiz. (These are, by the way, the best Hindustani, dialogues hitherto heard in a Prabhat picture).

"'Admi' seems to be on the way to achieve the miracle of being both popular and artistically distinguished.

"Congratulations to Prabhat for another 'hit'. And, thanks, Shantaram, for a really great picture".

—September 13, 1939.

"ANARBALA" is the title of Advance Pictures' maiden production now being shot at Jyoti Studios. The cast includes Shanta Kashmiri, Benjamin, Master Mohd, etc.

Prabhat Picture To Get Film Journalists' Award

"BARI DIDI"
"ACHHUT"
"KANGAN"

HIGHLY COMMENDED

By K. AHMAD ABBAS

TWENTY-FIVE weeks ago "The Bombay Chronicle" published a review of "Admi" by this writer declaring that it "promises to be the greatest Indian film of 1939."

On Friday evening those words received unique confirmation when the Blind Ballot organized by the Film Journalists' Association of India was opened and "Admi" was declared to have been voted as the Best Indian Film of 1939.

"Bari Didi," "Achhut" and 'Kangan"—in that order—were highly commended.

The producers of "Admi," Prabhat Film Co., will now receive the coveted Film Journalists' Award which is a bronze medal bearing the emblem and motto of the Association: "Pen For Progressive Pictures."

It is in pursuance of this motto, indeed, that the Film Journalists' Association conceived the idea of this Annual Award. Last year it was awarded to New Theatres for "Adhikar." It is to be particularly noted that artistic merit and social significance, rather than box-office value, are the criterion of this Award. The members of the Association were asked to judge the pictures from the following points-of-view:—

(1) Correct reproduction and interpretation of life and culture;
(2) A healthy and progressive outlook on Social problems;
(3) Proper Direction and Technical Excellence;
(4) Histrionic performances of the Chief artistes as seen in this picture;
(5) Story, Scenario and Dialogue.

As it is the declared policy of the Association to encourage the production of films in the national language, only Hindustani films [illegible] were taken into consideration. As many as nineteen pictures were mentioned in the members' votes for the four best pictures of 1939.

REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIAN PRESS

The members of the Film Journalists' Association of India represent the vast bulk of the film writers of the country including representatives of about 45 English, Gujarati, Marathi and Hindi and Urdu papers, all over the country as well as story-writers, scenarists, dialogue-writers and publicists. Among them they represent almost a million readers who are influenced by their reviews on pictures and whose opinion they have reflected in their votes.

How Shantaram Received The News

On the news of "Admi" winning the Award being communicated to him on trunk telephone, Mr. V. Shantaram gave the following exclusive message to "The Bombay Chronicle":—

"We are grateful for generous recognition given to our picture by the Film Journalists' Association of India—I speak, of course, on behalf of all my colleagues, the writers, the artistes and the technicians, without whose willing and wholehearted co-operation the picture could not have achieved any measure of distinction—Nothing so far, neither the box-office receipts nor the praise of friends and patrons has given us so much pleasure as the news of this Award which has to-day become the Blue Riband of the Indian screen. But it makes us feel humble. We can thank the film journalists by persisting in our efforts to produce progressive pictures."

When the review of "Admi" appeared in this paper, it was sent by a local agent to a distributor in the North who, on reading it, decided that the picture was going to be a flop. Thus he paid a rather left-handed tribute to this writer the implication being that the picture would have artistic merit but not box-office pull. The successful run of 25 weeks at the Central which concluded yesterday has given a reply to that distributor. And the verdict of the Film Journalists' Association finally confirms the review of "The Chronicle." We reproduce on this page extracts from our reviews of "Admi," "Bari Didi," "Achhut" and "Kangan," to show that we had already anticipated this distinction for these pictures.

We will not congratulate Prabhat New Theatres, Ranjit and Bombay Talkies. We congratulate the film journalists. And you ought to guess the reason why!

KANGAN

Producers—Bombay Talkies Ltd.
Story—Gajendra Kumar Mitra.
Scenario—Saradindu Banerjee and S. Mukerjee.
Cinematography—Josef Wirching and R. D. Preenja.
Audiography—S. B. Vacha.
CAST: Leela Chitnis, Ashok Kumar, Mubarak, V. H. Desai, Saroj Borkar, etc.

Director: Franz Osten

Associates: N. R. Acharya and S. Najmul Hasaen Naqvi.

"'Kangan', the Bombay Talkies' latest production at the Roxy, ushers in a new phase in the life of the well-known production unit at Malad.

"Among other things, the War has introduced vital changes in the personnel of the Bombay Talkies Studios....The same old excellent standard of photography, sound-recording and processing is maintained.... I perceived a certain refreshing original quality about the handling of certain scenes which were free from the all-too-familiar and rigid Osten touch.

"Leela Chitnis got the best role she has had since her sensational debut in "Chhaya".... There can be no doubt that Kangan is the finest and completely satisfying characterization she has given us on the screen....

"All in all "Kangan" is definitely one of the most likable films of the year."

—November 2, 1939.

BARI DIDI—New Theatres triumph of the year.

KANGAN—Bombay Talkies Contribution to 1939.

ACHHUT

Producers—Ranjit Movietone.
Story, Scenario and Dialogues—Chandulal Shah.
Songs — Raghunath Brahmabhatt.
Cinematography — Krishna Gopal.
Audiography—P. C. Subedar.
Music Direction—Jnan Dutt.
CAST—Gohar, Motilal Vasanti, Charlie, Sitara, Rajkumari, Mazhar, etc.

Director: Chandulal Shah

"With their latest production, 'Achhut', Ranjit Studios have stepped into a new phase of their career." It is a phase in which cinema is no longer a purely commercial enterprise and becomes instinct with social significance. "Achhut" is a saga of untouchability.

"Achhut! Achhut!! Achhut!!! It is this echo that resounds through the Ranjit film. The title itself, so effective in its directness, is at once an indictment and a challenge. Achhut!

The picture will remind them of the pitiable condition of those eight crores to whom it is appropriately dedicated.

"In city, town and village I would like the maximum number of people to see this film".

—January 13, 39.

ACHHUT—Ranjit's saga of untouchability.

BARI-DIDI

Producers—New Theatres Ltd.
Story—Late Saratchandra Chatterjee.
Dialogues and Songs—Kedar Sharma.
Cinematography—Bimal Roy.
Audiography—Bani Dutt.
Music Direction—Amar Mullick.
CAST: Molina Pahari Sanyal, Nawab, Jagdish, Chandravati, Bikram Kapoor, Nemo, etc.

Director: Amar Mullick

"Among other things, 'Bari Didi' is notable for being a faithful adaptation of a novel by that famous Bengali author, the late Sarat Chandra Chatterji. Those who have read the original tell me that the film closely follows the emotional and psychological pattern of the novel.

"The whole film maintains the quiet dignity which we have learnt to associate with an Indian widow. Her life, useful and active, has yet a serene greyness about it which is the essence of pathos There are no blacks and whites, no conventional dramatic highlights, no jarring swings from heart-rending tragedy to hilarious comedy as so many popular melodramas have.... There is not a word of preaching That would have deprived the picture of its real beauty which lies in a subtle suggestion of infinite, life-long pathos.....

"'Bari Didi' is a picture which no intelligent film-goer can afford to miss."

—May 17, 39.

Pascal To Produce "Major Barbara" And "Doctor's Dilemma"

A contract has been concluded between Gabriel Pascal and United Artists for the distribution by United Artists of three George Bernard Shaw pictures to be made by Mr. Pascal, producer of "Pygmalion."

Mr. Pascal's pictures will be distributed by United Artists on the same terms as those of their Stockholder and other important Producers—Mr. Alexander Korda, Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, Mr. David O Selznick, Mr. Charles Chaplin, Mr. Ernst Lubitsch, Mr. Walter Wanger, Mr. Edward Small, Mr Hal Roach and others.

The first picture will be "Major Barbara" with an important cast headed by Wendy Hiller and Robert Morley. "Major Barbara" will be distributed by United Artists in all countries except the United Kingdom, Australasia and New Zealand.

The second production will probably be "The Doctor's Dilemma" and this will be followed by another Shaw work. These two pictures will be distributed by United Artists throughout the world including the United Kingdom, Australasia and New Zealand.

The screen treatment and the art work on "The Doctor's Dilemma" has already been completed so that production can commence immediately following the completion of "Major Barbara."

Mr. Pascal will produce and personally direct all three pictures.

CLAUDETTE COLBERT
... she appears in "Drums Along The Mohawk" at Regal.

CLAUDETTE COLBERT AT THE REGAL

Darryl F. Zanuck's production of "Drums Along the Mohawk," at the Regal, is in the tradition of exciting Wild West films. Plenty of action.

The romantic, adventurous days when America was young, with torch and Mohawk spreading their terror in the beautiful Mohawk Valley, are depicted with an eye to the dramatic possibilities.

Claudette Colbert and Henry Fonda are starred as a pioneer couple who with the other colonists of the valley make a desperate stand against the repeated attaks of the fierce Iroquois. Also featured in the cast are Edna May Oliver, Eddie Collins and John Carradine.

"SIXTY GLORIOUS YEARS" REVIVED AT BROADWAY

RKO Radio's "Sixty Glorious Years," produced and directed by Herbert Wilcox is revived at The Broadway, Dadar, this week.

Anna Neagle and Anton Walbrook, who merited lavish praise for their performance as the Queen and her beloved Consort, Albert in "Victoria The Great," interpret the roles of this famous Royal couple.

Laurel and Hardy in "Flying Deuces" at New Empire.

Laurel And Hardy, "The Flying Deuces", At The New Empire

Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy always provide entertainment. Their latest effort, "The Flying Deuces," at New Empire, a feature comedy is no exception.

The story concerns a couple of American tourists in Paris. One hopelessly in love with an innkeepers' daughter. His suit spurned, he and his companion turn to the French Foreign Legion for solace. In Morocco, they get into all kinds of trouble eventually foiling a sentence of death by escaping in an endurance airplane.

As can be imagined there is no end to the opportunities for amusing situations. The comedy team takes full advantage of these, and caps the picture with a laugh sequence that is best left unrevealed.

Jean Parker appears to excellent advantage as the inn-keeper's pert daughter. Reginald Gardiner, as her jealous husband and officer of the Legion, proves an interesting foil for the comics.

"Geeta"

The full cast of Circo Productions' "Geeta" (which was on the sets last week) has been announced: Durgabai Khote, Chandramohan, Trilok Kapur, Shrinivas, Anant Marathey, Vatsala Kumtekar, Ashalata, Keki Bawa and Vaman.

No Evidence To Prove They Were Manufacturing Liquor

Magistrate's Remarks On Prohibition Rules: Holds Evidence In Case Not Satisfactory

Decision was given on Friday evening in the case in which Abdul Kadar Abubaker and three other Muslims were charged under the Abkari Act.

ALL ACQUITTED.

Mr. M. A. F. Cohelo. Presidency Magistrate. Mazagaon Court, found all the accused not guilty of the charge of manufacturing of country liquor in contravention of the provisions of the Abkari Act and acquitted them.

It would appear that all the accused were arrested in a building at Rahimtulla Road on November 23 in a raid carried out by the Police. When the Police raided the place they found one bottle containing according to the Chemical Analyser six drachms of Alcohol. There was also found a jar containing fruits. vegetables and a "segree."

The Magistrate held the view that the notification of the Bombay Government introducing Prohibition. whether of foreign liquor and country liquor or toddy or any other intoxicating drink, was "ultra-vires" of the Abkari Act of 1878.

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT.

The judgment is important, in that it differs from two other judgments of the same Magistrate referring to the possession of foreign liquor.

In the present case the Magistrate held that the notification itself, in addition to the rules promulgated by the Government of Bombay prohibiting the possession of intoxicating drugs, was unconstitutional.

The Magistrate held that the Government of India Act had not been amended so as to enable the introduction of Prohibition . The notification of the Bombay Government was bound to have exactly the contrary effect to what it was intended to have. In the evidence of the police it was stated that no liquor was manufactured neither was the "segree" burning when they raided the place.

The evidence stated that the officer could not say whether from the fruits and vegetables found in the "Handi", the kind of liquor which was found in the bottle could be made. It is not clear that they manufactured liquor. The Magistrate held therefore, that here was no satisfactory evidence before him.

The Magistrate concluded that the accused were not guilty and accordingly acquitted them.

ALLEGED CHEATING

A case of cheating by false representation through a prospectus in which S. D. Sharma, a driector of the Royal Telegraphs and Railway Duties College figures as the accused came up for hearing before Mr. K. C. Thakore, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar.

The complainant in the case is one K. Govinda-Raju, a student of the college.

In the course of his examination and cross-examination, Govinda-Raju said that he came across an advertisement of the college in a Tamil paper in his home town Annamalai in Southern India.

On duly applying he got a prospectus. He filled in an application form attached to the prospectus and sent full fees in advance amounting to Rs. 180 on October 18. He later changed his subjects of study through a letter written by him at the instance of his uncle.

After arriving Bombay on November 15, he proceeded to the office of the college at DeLisle Road. He found two boards there one which referred to the Telegraphs College and the other was Prabhat Movietone College. He found in a room, of the three rooms which he discovered to be the premises, a harmonium player and a tabla player playing while a lady was seated there.

He was told the college in question was situated at Thakurdwar where he proceeded on November 17. There he found the college inadequately furnished and had only two teachers and four students. It consisted of three rooms.

He wanted to get back cash value for a Railway coupon sent to him by the accused, it was written in the prospectus that any student who paid his fees in full would get back his Railway fare to Bombay from his native place.

He was offered some books which he refused and wanted the coupon value to be paid. He was not even allowed to change his subjects.

On November 27 the college was shifted to Parel in premises comprising one room. He filed the complaint in question on December 5.

The case was posted on March 6.

THANA MONEY-LENDER ARRESTED

Connection With Woman's Murder Alleged

(From Our Correspondent)

THANA, March 1.

The Thana Town Police arrested yesterday afternoon, Prabhakar Gopal Bulel, said to be a money-lender residing at Jambli Naka, in connection with the alleged murder of Anusuya More whose body with its throat cut was found in Bulel's room on Sunday last.

Mr. Bulel is a well-known figure in the litigant fraternity of Thana.

ALLEGED KEEPING OF CHARAS WORTH RS. 2,000.

By the order of Deputy Commissioner N. M. Kampte, Sub-Inspector Umarkhan of Central Intelligence "X" Division arrested a man last night in 5th Lane, Kamatipura, on a charge of possessing 10 lbs. of charas valued at Rs. 2,000. Two others were arrested in this connection.

One of the accused it is alleged attempted to stab Sub-Inspector Umarkhan, who received a minor injury on his finger.

The accused were produced at the Mazagaon Court and were remanded to police custody.

ALLEGED BREACH OF PROHIBITION LAW

Found smoking a long pipe at Shivaji Park last evening Ramaya Yankya and two others were arrested by the Mahim police for the alleged offence of violating the provisions of the Prohibition Law. It was suspected that the accused were smoking charas.

They have been released on bail by the Dadar Police Court.

High Court

RULE ISSUED AGAINST SHAMDASANI

To Show Cause Against Prosecution For Alleged Perjury

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Sen.)

The Centeral Bank of India Ltd.... ... ... —Applicants

vs.

P. D. Shamdasani—Respondent.

An "ex parte" application was made for the issue of a rule against the Respondent to show cause why their Lordships should not sanction his being criminally prosecuted for the offence of perjury.

The present application resulted from the recent proceedings taken by Mr. Shamdasani against the present Applicants whereby he sought to have certain judgments of Sir Sajba Rangnekar set aside on the ground that Sir Sajba was interested therein as a shareholder of the Bank when he delivered those judgments. In the course of those proceedings, Mr. Shamdasani had stated on oath that he did not then (i.e. when those judgments were delivered) know that Sir Sajba was a Shareholder. Their Lordships had dismissed that petition on the ground that Their Lordships were convinced that Mr. Shamdasani did know that fact at that time.

Counsel for the applicants submitted that Mr. Shamdasani was. therefore, guilty of having made a statement on oath which he knew to be false, and on that ground applied for a rule to show cause why Their Lordships should not sanction his prosecution for that offence under the Indian Penal Code.

Their Lordships granted the issue of a rule returnable on Friday next, 8th March. when it will be argued.

Sir J. B. Kanga instructed by Messrs. Payne & Co. appeared for the Applicants.

HUNT FOR CONTRABAND CHARAS DEALERS

Three Persons Arrested With "Marked" Notes

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two Prohibition Police Officers, one dressed as a Muslim northerner and the other as a denizen of Bhendi Bazar were on the trail of a gang of persons whom they caught, it is reported, red-handed in the act of selling 16 lbs. of charas at 5th Kamatipura Lane last night.

Fazal Hussein Nabibux, Nur Ahmed Abdul Masjid and Rafiqullah Inyatullah were, it is understood, trading on a large scale in the illicit sale of charas.

SUSPECTS FOLLOWED

The police officers arranged to send a bogus customer to the accused to make purchases of large quantities of the dope. They kept a watch at 5th Lane Kamatipura and Goorti Mohalla, simultaneously. The bogus customer was dispatched to transact the sale in a taxi which the officers followed in masquerade. They went along several streets and were compelled to stop at Ravelin Street, near the Excelsior Theatre as suspect No. 1 and 3 got down and made a survey of every car that passed that way It is reported that it took the police party a three hours' patient watch before they could apprehend the accused, while handing over the packet of charas to the bogus customer only after returning back from a long and circuitous automobile journey to 5th Lane Kamatipura.

MARKED NOTES

The 'police agent' handed over to the accused as the price of the dope Rs. 2,000. The wad of course consisted of Rs. 500 of genuine currency padded with blank paper so as to make it appear as a bundle of two thousand rupees. Most of the notes were marked. And the detective officers got their 'birds'.

General Round-up At Bhoiwada

BOMBAY, Friday.

A cosmopolitan crowd of 19 persons were arrested in a general round-up of alleged damaged characters in the Bhoiwada section by the police in the early hours between 2 and 4 a.m. They were found loitering under suspicious circumstances. They were ordered to be released on bail till the 14th inst. by Mr. G. A. Sabnis, presidency Magistrate, Dadar.

Budget Criticised

Bane Of Copying British Model In Indian Budget

If Avenues Of Income Are Unduly Raided, Industries Will Have To Suffer, Says Prof. Davar

Prof. Sohrab R. Davar, M. L. C., President of the Bombay Shareholders Association, interviewed on the Central Budget said:—

I notice that the object of the Hon. the Finance Minister happens to be to follow in the footsteps of the Chancellor of the Exchequor of his own country where the policy at present happens to be to avoid raising of war loans and to meet war deficits and special war expenditure out of taxation alone. I am sorry to have to state that this policy however justified in case of the United Kingdom where fortunately our British friends are not only overburdened with riches but also happen to be in the exceptional position of enjoying an abnormal income from which they can cheerfully pay the extraordinary expenditure of war in addition to the heavy income-tax and other charges with a view to see that the enemies of civilisation are wiped out. My country however cannot look upon the problem with that cheerfulness for the simple reason that we are a very poor nation with limited avenues of income. If these avenues of income are unduly raided, that is sure to reflect on the progress of infant and new industries at this important juncture and at the same time injure the very few old ones that we possess. I therefore wish that the Government of India will seriously consider the problem from this standpoint in the year to come and refrain from burdening us with taxation or at least gives the necessary relief by raising war loans these exceptional circumstances as was done during the years 1914-18.

DELICATE CONDITION OF SUGAR INDUSTRY

The sugar excise duty places the industry in a very serious situation. At first the Indian companies made good profit. The greedy eyes of the Finance Minister of the time evidently caught this and he introduced excise duty on sugar, i.e. an industry which was protected an extraordinary procedure for any Finance Minister to follow under the circumstances, because this method deprived the industry of the protection in that proportion. The industry in spite of this handicap was struggling hard to move forward when there comes our present Finance Minister with a further demand on it amounting to nearly Rs. 2 crores, which means a 50 per cent excess levy on the duty which the industry paid to this day.

OBSTRUCTION ON DEVELOPMENT OF ROAD TRANSPORT.

The petrol tax now brings the selling price of petrol to Re. 1-8 per gallon with its present increase of 20 per cent duty. I regret to have to state that I cannot get over the feeling that this has been done deliberately with a view to strike at the fast developing road transport and to protect the railways where the rates have been abnormaliy increased by the Finance Minister both in case of passenger and heavy goods transport.

Stock Exchange Chief Interviewed

Mr. K. R. P. Shroff, President of the Native Share and Stock Brokers' Association, in an interview, said:—

"The main feature in regard to Sir Jeremy Raisman's first budget centres round the controversial Excess Profits Tax, the proposed imposition of which caused such a nasty upheaval in share and commodity markets. The mere fact that the Finance Member has only estimated the mediocre sum of Rs. 3 crores is to my mind the most complete vindication of the contention that the imposition could easily have been delayed for another year in order to allow industry generally to consolidate its position after a period of depression.

If only such a small return is expected from this source, it could easily have been raised by borrowings rather than by upsetting all markets just as they were beginning to show some benefit to those who were interested in them.

It may be of course that this is a cautious under-estimate on the part of the Finance Member or it may indicate considerable modifications of the original proposals as a result of the recommendations from the Select Committee. If the latter should turn out to be the case, then it would be a bullish point for markets.

The whole crux of the present budget to my mind lies in this Excess Profits Tax, although there will be many to regret the raising of the excise and import duties on sugar. Government might well find themselves the victims of the old law of diminishing returns."

SUBHAS BOSE STILL ON WAR PATH

Incites Bengal Congress To Ignore Resolution Of Working Committee

CALCUTTA Feb. 29.

The hope that the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee will continue to function as before regardless of any ukase that may emanate from Wardha, Patna or Allahabad, is expressed by Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose in a statement on the suspension of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee and its Executive Council by the Congress Working Committee.

Mr. Bose says, "The fiat of the Working Committee suspending the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee and its Executive Council has not come as a surprise to me.

"Indeed I had been expecting this after the sudden appointment of the 'ad hoc' committee which virtually superseded the B.P.C.C. I am not a member of the B.P.C.C., and I shall not anticipate now that the B.P.C.C. will react to this firman from Patna

CONTEMPT FOR FIAT

"But knowing the public mind to-day, I may make bold to say that the vast majority of Congressmen in this province, including myself, will treat this fiat with the contempt that it deserves.

"The B.P.C.C. will, I hope, continue to function as before regardless of any ukase that may emanate from Wardha, Patna or Allahabad.

"There is one other remark I have to make. The public to-day are in such a state of mind that the more we are attacked and persecuted by the Congress Working Committee, the more will they rally round us and the more will the Working Committee stand unmasked before India and the world.

"Consequently, the only fact which the high-handed action will produce in Bengal will be to improve our public position and to increase our hold over the masses all the more."

SUSPENSION OF BENGAL P. C. C.

Working Committee Resolution

PATNA, Feb 29.

The following is the text of the resolution on Bengal passed by the Congress Working Committee to-day:—

The Working Committee understands that the Bengal P.C.C. has passed a resolution purporting to disaffiliate the Mymensingh, Hugli and the Jessore District Congress Committees on account of their co-operation with the Congress Election Committee appointed by the Working Committee by its resolution of December last.

This resolution of the Executive Council of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee coming as it does after a series of acts of defiance of the Working Committee leaves no room for any further condonation of their indiscipline.

ASKED TO SHOW CAUSE

The Working Committee therefore, calls upon the Bengal P.C.C. to show cause why it should not be disaffiliated under Article XIII of the Congress Constitution.

The President is authorised after receiving such explanation as may be offered to take action thereon and if satisfied to pass orders withdrawing all recognition from the present Bengal Provincial Congress Committee and further authorises him to take such further action as may be necessary in consequences thereof for carrying on the Congress work in that Province.

DISAFFILIATIONS NULL AND VOID

The District Congress Committees of Mymensingh. Hooghly and Jessore and all other district Committees in Bengal are hereby informed that all actions taken by the Bengal P.C.C. or its Executive Council for disaffiliation and otherwise in interfering with their authority as a result of their loyalty to the resolutions and directions of the Working Committee are null and void and shall have no effect.

Pending final orders by the President after receipt of any explanation that the Bengal P.C.C or its Executive Council offers, the B.P.C.C. and its Executive Council are suspended and their power shall be exercised by the afore mentioned election committee.

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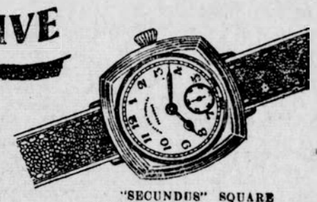

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INTER-PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP

N.-W. F. P. Lose To Central India At Third Meeting

Patiala And United Provinces Draw In Poor Game

Central India	**2:**	**N.-W. F. P.**	**1**
Patiala	**1:**	**United Provinces**	**1**

On their meeting a third time on Friday in the Inter-Provincial Hockey Tournament, the issue between Central India and N. W. F. P. was decided, the former deservedly winning by the odd goal in three, as they were definitely the better side. It must, however, be said, in fairness to the N.W.F.P., that Central India's second goal, to a very great majority, looked a point secured from an off-side position

In a second match, Patiala were seen in action against United Provinces. Here it was a competition of brawn (Patiala) versus brains (U.P.). Brawn failed to subdue thought. The match ended in a draw, two goals being shared.

There were certain new comers to both Central India and N.W.F.P. sides. Rozario played for Zutshi, in the centre forward position for Central India. He proved a worthy deputy. N.-W.F.P. had two men in their forward line. Autar Singh filled the inside right position and Sohan Singh was at outside left. Autar Singh proved a good substitute and was prominent throughout the game.

DETAILS OF PLAY

CENTRAL INDIA v. N.-W.F.P.

Central India were in the picture first and N.-W.F.P. were faced with early troubles. Sarwar, however, sent the Frontier team up and they forced a short corner, Manna Singh was unfortunate not to convert this. N.-W. F.P. pressed and Moses broke up a dangerous raid.

A penalty corner to Central India, Nabi Shah made sticks to bring relief to the opposite side. Fazal Rehman with an accurate kick saved N.-W.F.P., when Muneer tested him. In the very next minute the Frontier goal survived being penetrated. The N.-W.F.P. had a continued spell of anxious moments till Harbajan Singh with a drive brought relief.

This powerful hit had the N.-W.F.P. in the opposite ring. An infringement by a defender gave the Frontier side a penalty corner, Harbajan Singh converted it with a terrific slosh.

Central India went all out for the equaliser and the N.-W.F.P. were hard pressed. Two short corners, and then came the equaliser, a fine pass by Nasir across the goal was met by Phekan Lal, who scooped into the net well away from Fazal Rehman.

Despite all efforts by N.-W.F.P. they continued in the role of defenders. In the closing minutes of the half Rozario engineered a nice solo effort that all but gave Central India the lead.

CENTRAL INDIA SUPERIOR.

The first run down after half time was by the N.-W.F.P. They were, however, dispatched back. Here, Rozario broke away with the ball, when Manna Singh met him, he sent the ball right and forward, Muneer, who was off-side, was on it, as it entered the ring, and he gave Fazal Rehman no chance in the second minute after resumption. The referee held this a good goal.

Central India were better in all departments now, which saw the N.-W.F.P. frantically defend. Fazal Rehman, in goal, saved his side at least three times, and Manna Singh was proving a trojan of a defender.

Harbajan Singh definitely stopped Central India from notching the third point. Fazal Rehman was out of his goal, when Rozario put a shot waist high, Harbajan Singh rushed into goal and took the fast travelling missile on his stick.

The N.-W.F.P. fought back half-way through for about five minutes, when Central India again had a spell in their opponent's area. A couple of short corners served no purpose.

The Frontier men returned to the attack and forced two short corners. The second of these awards was taken nicely by Manna Singh, but Harbajan Singh, made sticks badly in hitting goal.

The game ended a minute later.

THE TEAMS:

CENTRAL INDIA: Nanney Lal, A. Moses and Nabi Shah; MacMurray, Durga and Manzoor; Kishen, Nasir, Rozario, Muneer and Phekan Lal.

N.-W.F.P.: Fazal-Rehman; Sarwar and Harbajan Singh, Manna Singh, Khani and Mushtak, Habibullah, Autar Singh, Majid, Razzaq and Sohan Singh.

PATIALA v. U.P.

Patiala had an opportunity to forge ahead in the very first minute, when a pass from Gurbachan Singh got to Abdul Hayee, who put it to goal correctly, the ball grazed the wrong side of the upright. U.P. crossed over and forced a penalty corner, the striker took the hit poorly. U. P. were, however, playing better hockey of a sort and had the State team defending.

Half-way through the half U.P. lost their outside left, Raizada, injured in a fall. The hockey was disappointing, and now Patiala was pressing and Bashar Singh meeting a pass from the right scored with a scoop past Rengrow. Five minutes were required for half time.

Raizada limping came on for U.P. again. Half time came with U.P. trying hard for the (equaliser.)

U. P. BETTER.

U. P. came up with ten men and had Patiala defending crossing over, though not for long. The State team pushed across and forced two short corners.

It was U.P. again and Patiala were lucky in robbing the ball from Babu when he looked all over a scorer. U.P. eventually got the equaliser, Babu sent across a delightful pass, the ball reached Mohan, inside left, at the edge of the "D", he flashed it in. The referee overlooked what was apparently sticks.

A tussle began for the lead in which both sides had an equal say in things. Patiala found the net through Gurbachan, the point was disallowed for sticks.

Chances of scoring came to each side, but time came with the teams locked together (1—1).

EXTRA TIME.

Patiala reshuffled their forward line, but it was U.P. who were the more aggressive and Mohan missed a positive sitter in the third minute. Some body play held up U.P. immediately after.

In the last five minutes it was all square as fare as the exchanges came in, and the decider kept aloof, calling on the teams to meet to-day at 4-15 p.m.

THE TEAM

PATIALA: Gajjan Singh; Gurcharan Singh and Abdul Aziz; Harban Singh, Jagir Singh and Ranjit Singh; Gurbachavan Singh, Boshar Singh, Abdul Hayee Khan, Mohmed Akram and Pertap Singh.

UNITED PROVINCES: Rengrow; Babu Khan and Sadiq; Emad, Avasthi and Zahur; Irshad, Babu, Yusuf, Mohan and Raizada.

To-day's Programme

Gymkhana ground—4-15 p.m. (Replay) Patiala vs. United Provinces; 5-30 p.m. Bombay vs. Central India.

Mian Sultan Khan of Kalara, (Punjab), British Empire Chess Champion, holding the cup presented by the Governor N. W. F. Province photographed with chess players in D. I. Khan.

Franke, the Madras Goal-keeper, brings off one of his many saves.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL:—The Norfolk Regiment won the War Fund football tournament when they eliminated the Bangalore United Football Club by 3 goals to 1.

The Regiment fully earned their victory, if only for their excellent team work and fine positional play.

CALCUTTA HOCKEY LEAGUE.

The following are the results of the game played:

Calcutta 2:	**Xaverians**	**1**
Lillooah 5:	**Punjam Regt.**	**2**
Rangers 0:	**B. G. Press**	**0**

TENNIS AT KHAR

KHAR, March 1.

The tennis tournament held by the Khar Gymkhana has reached its closing stages. In the handicap singles Dr. P. M. Joshi (—3) defeated Karsondas Tulsidas (—15). Joshi was brilliant his crisp chopping winning him several points. Tulsidas was steady throughout the match, but just could not pull the tie round in his favour. The result was: 7-5, 3-6, 6-4 in favour of Joshi.

Dipchand Shah and Dinkarran (—40) meet H. P. Vasavada and Subramaniam (—15.3) on Sunday, March 3. A keen match is anticipated.

WORLD OF SPORT: HOME AND ABROAD

Maharashtra's Deserving Success In Ranji Trophy

(BY LOOKER-ON).

As I had forecasted last week, Maharashtra won the Ranji Trophy with ease. The United Provinces, their opponents in the final were no match for them. The ten-wickets victory for Maharashtra was by no means flattering to Prof. Deodhar and his men. They deserve to be heartily congratulated by everybody on their meritorious performances and ultimate success. Up to this time they had the misfortune of going down in their very encounters. But their defeats instead of disheartening them, paved the way to victory. And now their efforts have carried them to a triumphant end.

MAHARASHTRA'S CONFIDENCE.

With the confidence born of the splendid victories over the Western India States Baroda and Southern Punjab Maharashtra met the United Provinces. The latter was indeed lucky to travel so far. Hyderabad, their last rivals, are still complaining against the manner they were deprived of their engagement! However that is another matter. We are sure to hear more of it later on. Although Deodhar was beaten in the spin of toe coin for the third time in succession, he had no occasion to grumble about it. His home wicket was proverbially a batsman's paradise and it remained so till the last.

FOUNDATION OF SUCCESS.

The visitors batted fairly well to knock up 237 runs. If they were not so hasty to lose three wickets by running out, they might have put up a more handsome total. But their difficulty was mainly with the home batsmen. Their opening pair Bhandarkar and Sohoni, settled down so comfortably that they would not be dislodged till they had compiled 188 runs. A stroke of bad luck deprived Sohoni of the coveted three figures by only 4 runs. Bhandarkar however, went on to collect a fine 132. By this time the visitors' bowling had been fully collared. Nagarwalla, Deodhar, Hazare, Rangnekar and Harris, who followed, took full liberty with it and the Maharashtra's total reached the massive figure of 581 runs.

PALIA'S HEROIC EFFORT.

The U. P. entered into their second venture with a huge deficit of 344 runs. An inning's defeat stared them in the face. But Palia made a grand effort to avoid it by 12 runs. Although he was greatly helped by the home fielders in laying him on the carpet thrice—at 18, 84 and 95—he deserves high praise for collecting 216 runs especially in view of the failures of almost all his colleagues. It was a plucky effort and worthy of a Captain. If his men had followed his example, the U.P. might have avoided the big defeat they were dealt with.

A GRATIFYING FEATURE.

It is really very gratifying to see the Ranji Trophy travelling from place to place. If it had remained in the hands of one or two provinces, it would have failed to arouse much interest in the country. But with the Championship going to Hyderabad and Bengal—and now to Maharashtra—every province may hope to win if sooner or later. The uncertain nature of the game makes it fortune so vacillating. Mere strength on paper does not ensure success. The element of luck must be there to re-inforce the combination. Let us hope that the Inter-Provincial Tournament will grow from strength to strength in this manners. It is pleasing to hear Major C. K. Nayudu and others supporting this tournament and speaking against communal contests. It will indeed be a bright day for India when communalism has been banished from sport altogether.

TOMMY FARR "RELEASED FROM MILITARY DUTY"

Ex-Champion Rejects Offer Of £20,000 Purse Fight With Joe Louis

LONDON, Feb. 29.

Tommy Farr, former British Empire Heavy-Weight boxing champion, has rejected an offer of a world heavy-weight fight with the champion, Joe Louis, because he wishes to join the British Navy, though he was recently rejected by the Air Force owing to a defective eye.

Laughter greeted a statement recently made in England by the Air Minister, Sir Kingsley Wood, to the effect that Tommy Farr was released from military duty because he was found on medical examination to be below the required standard.

When it was suggested that Farr must be fit because he was already staging a £20,000 purse fight for the Heavy-weight championship of the world, Sir Kingsley reiterated that Farr was not up to the required standard of the Service.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA TENNIS:—Further progress was made in the B.C.C. tennis tournament and the following are the results:—

MEN'S DOUBLES.

D. Albert and Brook beat N. A. Kendrew and A. N. White 6-0, 6-1.

MIXED DOUBLES.

Madan Mohan and Miss Morrissey beat L. Brooke-Edwards and Miss Amadio, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

Selections For Today's Races

FARUQ PASHA IS LIKELY WINNER

BY "SENEX"

To-day the postponed Third Day of the Big Meeting will be held at Mahaluxmi. FARUQ PASHA takes my fancy in the Arab Derby and POMPEIAN, the brilliant Indian bred should win the Druids Lodge Handicap.

2-0 p.m. The Kirkee Plate, Div. II.—6 Furlongs.

GOLD DISH	**1**
BLUE BONNET	**2**
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ELUE TINSEL	**1**
THE DUCHESS	**2**
PRESTIGE	**3**

3-0 p.m. The Kolhapur Plate, Div. II.—7 Furlongs.

KING HILAL	**1**
STAR OF KASHMIR	**2**
AZIZA	**3**

3-30 p.m. The Bombay Arab Derby.—1 1/2 Miles.

FARUQ PASHA	**1**
LEGION	**2**
ANAR KALI	**3**

4-0 p.m. The Gatwick Plate.—1 Mile.

CHANAK	**1**
RED GOLD	**2**
FRESH KID	**3**

4-30 p.m. The Governor's Cup.—1 1/4 Miles.

BRIGHT LAD	**1**
JAYANT	**2**
HARBOUR LIGHT	**3**

5-0 p.m. The Druids Lodge Handicap .6—Furlongs.

POMPEIAN	**1**
EARNEST	**2**
TETRAZONE	**3**

5-30 p.m. The Manton Plate.—6 Furlongs.

EASTERN PRIDE	**1**
CANTICLE	**2**
USK	**3**

6-0 p.m. The Kolhapur Plate, Div. I.—7 Furlongs.

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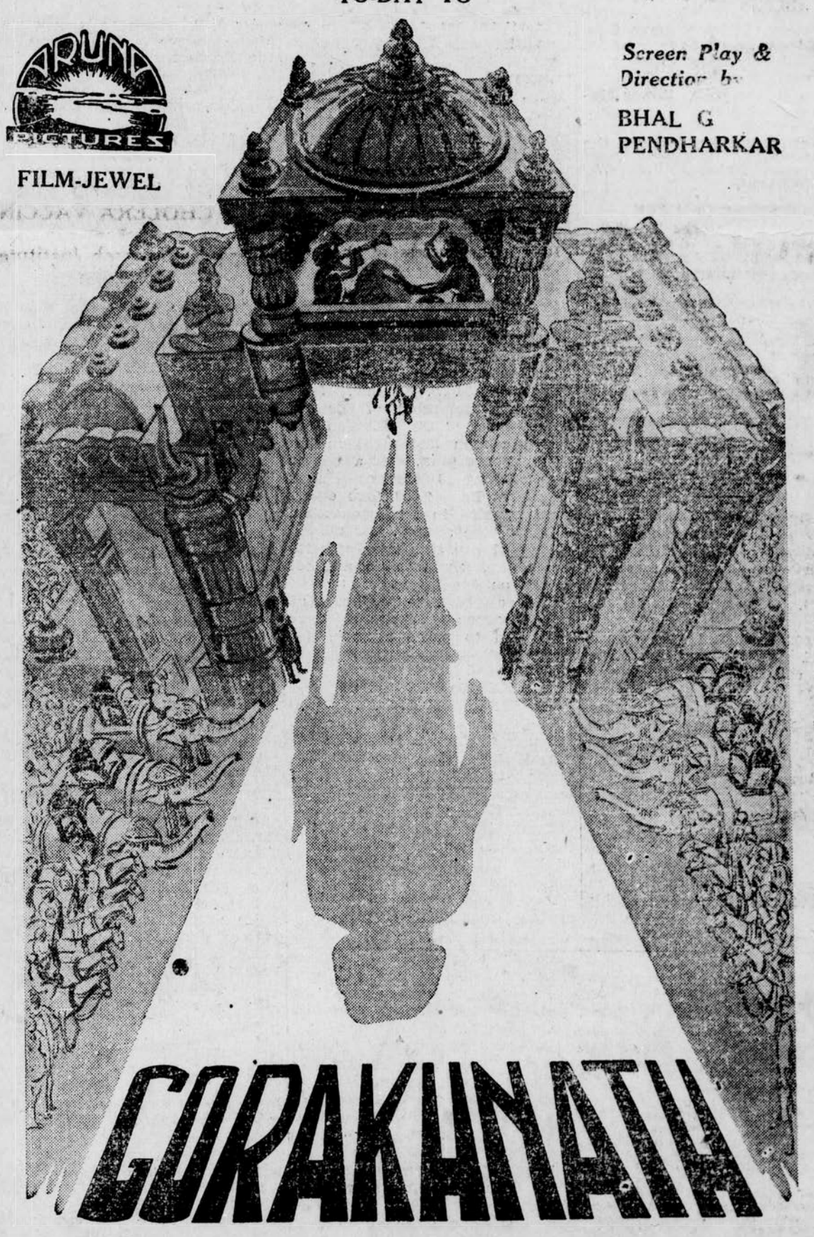

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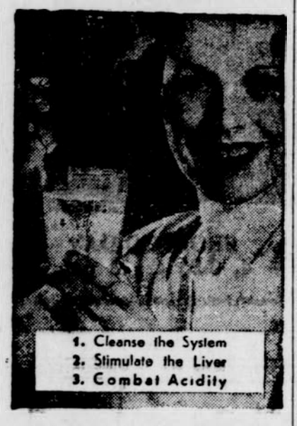

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CAN NON-VIOLENCE COMBAT OPPONENTS' FRIGHTFULNESS?

Neither Violence Can, Says Munshi, Citing Historical Instances

In the course of the last instalment of the series of articles by Mr. K. M. Munshi, forming a part of the final chapter of a book entitled, "I Follow the Mahatma," the author makes a comparative study of non-violence and violence in their efficacious resistance to organised violence.

Can non-violent resistance succeed if the opponent has no moral sense, is not afraid to perpetrate frightfulness? This is an all-important question. Certain facts are undeniable. The British in 1930 were generally speaking very scrupulous in their conduct towards non-violent resistance; when in 1932 they resorted to milder forms of frightfulness, the movement was suppressed within a few months. The British during recent years have not shown, except in the instance of the Jalianwala Bagh a keen desire to suppress a non-violent movement by organised violence on a large scale. In Indian States where the princes have let themselves go the movement has not succeeded. Gandhiji, aware of these shortcomings, has refused to embark upon all active forms of mass resistance when the moral sense of the opponent has been blunted. Wherever there has been an outbreak of violence he has withdrawn the movement so that the opponent may not be justified in violent acts. During the War when the moral sense of the British is likely to be warped he has resisted a thoughtless urge on the part of some of his followers to launch a movement. In Rajkot when he saw that frightfulness was the order of the day he beat a judicious retreat.

Those who urge the futility of non-violent resistance ignore the conditions which have made violent conflict in other countries successful. Italy won its independence because of factors other than the violent methods of the revolutionaries. The Austrian Empire was inefficient. The Great Powers had conspired to set it up as an independent kingdom and also partly because it was to the economic advantage to England to set up an independent Italy. The success of the Bolsheviks in Russia was also the result of several factors independent of the violent mass conflict which Lenin inaugurated. The Government of the Czar was a weak and inefficient one. The Liberals who opposed Lenin were caught in the meshes of their own doctrines and permitted Lenin to walk over there. The Russian army, demoralised in having to fight a war in which Russia had no interest, went over to Lenin. And lastly, the great neighbouring powers were so busy fighting for their very existence that they could not hinder the Bolshevik efforts to wrest power from the old rulers.

It is, therefore, fallacious to test the efficacy of Gandhism on the imaginary basis that under similar circumstances violent conflict would succeed.

NON-VIOLENCE AND WORLD PEACE

Antagonists of Indian nationalism and men of little faith even in the Congress have expressed their doubt whether non-violence can secure international peace. Gandhiji recently stated: "Hence we witness the sorry spectacle of us confessing that, though this non-violence of the weak may bring us freedom from English rule, it cannot enable us to resist foreign invasion. This fact—and it is a fact—shows that, if the English yield to the non-violence, miscalled, of the weak, it would prove that they had almost made up their mind to surrender power and would not hold on to it at the costs of creating frightfulness." This doubt proceeds on the incorrect presumption that once non-violent resistance creates a Nation, no violence will be found in it. Even if India possess the strength of non-violent resistance sufficient to gain Swaraj there would be many Indians whose baser passions will have to be restrained by force. Even in a nation-state created by non-violence, law and order will have to be maintained. This will equally be true of international life, when non-violence becomes a potent factor in its regulation. An independent nation like a theoretically free man is a figment of the imagination. The nation states like the anti-social man imagined by Hobbes have long been seeking though unconsciously to surrender their freedom to an international framework which would eliminate strife. The British Empire which provides the outstanding successful instance, had to alter its basis by conceding autonomy to growing nations within the regulative framework of British policing. Just like the coercive processes in the state brought into operation only in the hour of tumult, the British army and navy only provide a background of power ready to restore order, when necessary, eliminating itself so long as relations in the commonwealth continue according to the popularly accepted law.

A FALLACY

But the doubt may conceivably be pursued further. What would happen when there is a war between the armed forces of two world groups? This question again involves a fallacy. It implies that even when two world groups are formed each with an internal non-violent life of its own, the efficacy of violent conflict will be as great as in an era of unrestricted national sovereignties. When autonomous nations pledge themselves to forms of non-violent resistance working as an international combine and are inspired by similar group habits they can be relied upon to exercise at least that power and influence which one individual Gandhiji, came to exercise upon a people who knew no method other than that of violence and to whom the principles of Truth and Non-violence were abstract doctrines. And when the world groups of nation-states create one framework for the whole human race, the twin children of coercion and camouflage—defence and diplomacy—would disappear and the barriers of violence which dissect the world would have ceased to exist. Then Gandhism would have triumphed.

Viewed in this way Gandhism is the only hope of the future.

And in this faith I humbly follow the Mahatma.

HEAVY DEMAND FOR CHOLERA VACCINE

Kasauli Research Institute's Activities

During the year 1938, the demand for cholera vaccine manufactured by the Central Research Institute, Kasauli, beat all the previous records since 1927. The epidemic conditions were chiefly responsible for the demand which was very heavy during the months of April to August. To cope with it, the staff at the Institute had to work even on Sundays and other holidays. The Punjab and North-West Frontier Province and the contiguous Indian States and the Army were the main clients. The supplies also went to Afghanistan and Egypt.

The total issues of the prophylactic cholera vaccine approximated 2,000,000 c.c. Of this 1,984,486 c.c. were issued to indentors in India and 10.120 c.c. to foreign countries in the Near East. The issues of the 1938 were eight times as high as in the previous year.

MOST SWEATED INDUSTRY

Dr. Rao On Indian Agriculture

(From A Correspondent.)

DELHI, (By Mail).

"Agricultural production in India does not, on the average, give to those who follow it anything like a living wage; nevertheless we find that there is no substantial emigration of workers from this occupation. This is of course due to the lack of alternative occupations. Under the circumstances I feel justified in making the statement that agriculture in India to-day is perhaps the most sweated industry in the world", declared Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao, in a speech at the Agricultural Economics Conference, at Delhi to-day.

Continuing Dr. Rao said:—I suggest that there are, in the main, three ways in increasing agricultural income in this country, viz., By raising the production per acre of land or the production per head of the persons engaged in agriculture; by raising the cultivator's share in the value of agricultural produce or by raising agricultural prices to a level at which the cultivator will get a living wage, and by providing for subsidiary occupations to both the cultivator and his women-folk.

INCREASE OF PRODUCTION

Attempts are being made by the Government of India to raise the quantity of agricultural output by undertaking research work for the improvement of seed and by providing facilities for the sppply of improved seed to the cultivators.

Under the circumstances I am of opinion that an increase in agricultural production while it will give the cultivator an abundance of agricultural goods will not, to the same extent, enable him to satisfy his demand for non-agricultural commodities and services. Methods additional to merely increasing the cultivator's output are therefore necessary for solving the problem of his poverty.

RAISING OF AGRICULTURAL PRICES

This remedy takes two forms. With agricultural prices as they are, we can try to eliminate or at least minimise the middleman's share in the same and enable the cultivator to obtain a larger proportion of the gross value of his products by means of improvements in the cultivator's marketing organisation. The other remedy is artificially to raise agricultural prices to levels which will enable the cultivator to obtain what may be termed as a living wage. Artificial raising of agricultural prices however is not such an easy thing to undertake.

SUBSIDIARY OCCUPATIONS

It is well-known that the Indian cultivator is unoccupied anywhere from four to six months in a year excepting in places where he has undertaken the cultivation of wet crops or where he grows more than one crop from the same soil in a year; the cultivator's womenfolk are unoccupied for even a larger part of the year.

In the first instance I think the work should be such that will be related to the agricultural industry and will fit in with the cultivator's principal occupation. In case where such semi-agricultural subsidiary occupations are not available and non-agricultural subsidiary occupations have to be taken up, the work involved should be such that it does not require much skill and can be easily learnt, that it can be taken up at any time and given up at any time so that it could be technically a spare-time occupation. It should not involve either an expensive equipment or use of power and as far as possible the output of such work should find a ready market. In concrete terms the first choice should fall on the provision of semi-agricultural industries such as dairying, sheep-rearing, poultry-keeping, sericulture, apiculture, horticulture and similar occupations. The State should offer substantial facilities, both technical and financial, to the cultivator in order to enable him to take up to one of these occupations. In the next instance should be taken up such subsidiary industries as hand-spinning hand-weaving hand-grinding, preparation of toys, preparation of food and food-products, work on cane and bamboos work on fibres and work on forest products easily available in the locality The most universalisable of these spare-time occupations is undoubtedly hand-spinning. There is no more ideal subsidiary occupation to the cultivator and his family than hand-spinning.

GOERING'S PLANS AS DISCLOSED BY WOLFE

Monarchy To Be Revived In Germany

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Feb. 7.

An "accident" will happen to Hitler, after which Goering will seize control and set up a Goering monarchistic dynasty in Berlin is the prediction made in the "New York Herald Tribune" by its international correspondent, Henry C. Wolfe, who was one of the few who foresaw Hitler's alliance with Stalin.

Wolfe adds: "It is said that Fuehrer Goering would not even wait until sunrise to have Von Ribbentrop, Goebbels, Himmler, Streicher, and his other enemies, shot. His new Government would be a strict military dictatorship with only the outward trappings of National-Socialism. The stage would be set for the restoration of the monarchy and the instalment of the Goering dynasty."

Regarding Goering's attitude to the Western Democracies, Wolfe says: "Insiders are of opinion that Goering would be a fairly easy man to negotiate with He would be willing, they believe, to withdraw from Bohemia and Moravia and evacuate some of that part of Poland now held by the German Army. Most important of all, they feel sure, Goering would abruptly break the quasi alliance with the Soviet Union."

In this connection Wolfe recalls as highly significant the incident in May 1935 at the funeral of Marshal Pilusdski, when Goering took the arm of the French Foreign Minister, M. Laval and whispered, "If you Frenchmen and we Germans are ever so idiotic as to go to war with each other the Russian Bolsheviks will come in and take us all, and we shall deserve it." He emphasises the enmity aroused by the different policies of Goering and the Nazi "wild men", particularly Von Ribbentrop.

PLIGHT OF INDIANS IN MALAYAN STATES

Br. Govt. Being Responsible For Indian Immigration Should Show Greater Interest

PENANG (By Air Mail).

"1939 was really a year of activity among Indians in Malaya. It is a matter for great satisfaction that during recent years we have had a number of Indians interested in the life and progress of their brethren in Malaya visiting us to see conditions here at first hand. They lend to create greater harmony and closer relationship between India and Malaya", said Mr. N. Raghavan presiding over the Third Annual General Meeting of the Central Indian Association of Malaya, Kuala Lumpur, held here recently.

Referring to the question of labour immigration into Malaya the President said, "The position remained more or less the same since the breakdown of the Delhi talks between the Delegation that visited India from Malaya in February last and the Indian Government. We would have been happier if the deliberations at Delhi had led to a successful conclusion and Indian emigration to Malaya had been resumed."

Continuing Mr. Raghavan said, "While the claim for full citizenship still remains unrecognised in the Federation, the plight of middle class Indians in some of the States outside cannot bear close examination. It is true that it is not the British Government that is directly responsible for such condition. But as those responsible for the immigration of Indians into Malaya, a moral duty evolve upon them also to see that the descendants of those Indian immigrants get their rightful place and just rights in the States as well.

Due to various reasons Indians in these States are unable to make their voices heard, and perhaps the authorities may not be aware of the deep disappointment that exists among the members of the Indian community there with their lot. Except in crude and uncivilised countries subject peoples are not governed without their being given some fair share in the administration of the State. Such recognition will only add to the strength and stability of such States and develop in their citizens a genuine loyalty and patriotism."—United Press.

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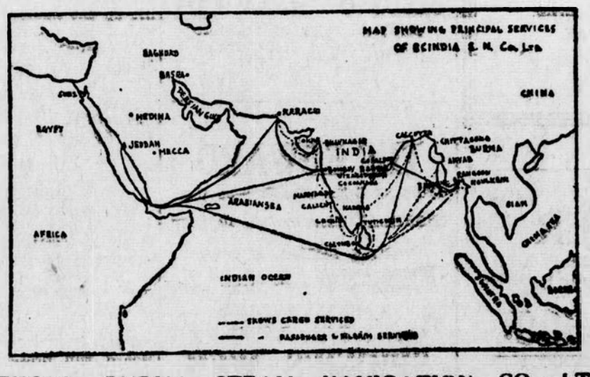

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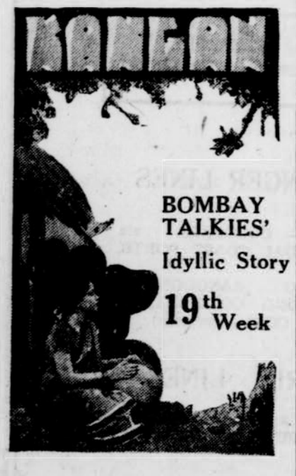

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DEATH OF MR. D. G. VAIDYA

Irreparable Loss To Prarthana Samaj

(From A Special Correspondent).

If a man's greatness is not to be measured by riches or public notoriety, one may unhesitatingly say, that a great and good man has passed away after a long and agonising illness patiently borne. Mr D. G. Vaidya the talented Editor of the "Subodh Patrica" the organ of the Bombay Prarthana Samaj, breathed his last at the end of last month leaving behind him a very large circle of friends and admirers to bemoan his loss.

He was essentially a self-made man, and by dint of indefatigable industry and dogged tenacity had carved out for himself a sphere of duty, within which he lived moved and had his being. He began his life humbly in the

The late Mr. Dwarkanath Govind Vaidya.

University of Bombay, and had the good fortune to come in touch with great men, such as Sir Ramkrishna Bhandarkar, Mr. Justice Ranade, Sir Narayan Chandavarkar, Dr. Atmaram Pandurang, every one of whom, left an indelible stamp upon his character.

A devout member of the Prarthana Samaj, who had implicit faith in its cult, he came to be connected with its numerous social activities and did his bit, with an enthusiasm and singleness of purpose, which won for him the approbation of all.

The "Subodh Patrica" which was the official organ of the Samaj and was conducted under the auspices of the great men above referred to, with a dignity and loftiness all its own, found in him an able Editor, who knew his job well.

The Prarthana Samaj has in his death, suffered a loss which I am afraid, will take long to make up.

His sermons from the Samaj pulpit, were saturated with piety and devotion. They came from his very soul, and seldom failed to lift up the audience from the daily mundane affairs of the world into higher regions for the time being.

Morarji Desai To Open Scout Headquarters At Dharwar

DHARWAR, Feb. 29.

Mr. Morarji Desai, former Revenue Minister of Bombay, will open the Dharwar District Scout headquarters building on March 3. Mr. Desai will also preside over the District Scout Rally to be held on the occasion.

The Dharwar District Local Board will present an address to Mr. Desai and the Dharwar Municipality will entertain him at a tea party. Mr. Desai will also meet local Congress workers and will address a public meeting. He will leave Dharwar the same day —A. P.

"RIGHT SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN ISSUE IS OF WORLD SIGNIFICANCE"

Miss Agatha Harrison Pleads For Inclusion Of India In Premier's Weekly Survey

Miss Agatha Harrison, Secretary of the India Conciliation Group, in the course of an article in the "Peace News", writes:—

Over the week-end, marked by speeches from important members of the War Cabinet—that must have caused dismay to all who are working for peace—has come the voice of Mr. Gandhi. Cutting right across the tragic deadlock in India this man with his unshakable faith in the power of non-violence once more stretches out his hand to this country.

Readers of "Peace News" are aware of recent events in India, for these were set forth with clarity by Mr. Carl Heath in the issue of December 29. There is therefore no need to reiterate them save to remind readers that, since the beginning of war, when India was declared a belligerent country without popular sanction, and the Congress issued its Manifesto asking us to declare our war aims and state clearly what "fighting for democracy" meant in relation to India, the situation has deteriorated quickly.

Communal Differences

The fact that the Congress Ministries in 8 out of the 11 British Indian Provinces resigned as a protest to the way we answered their question should make all thoughtful people pause. For, in effect we said "settle your own communal differences first." This the Congress was not prepared to accept, holding that the primary question was our unequivocal answer in regard to India's freedom and that when that is settled the communal difficulties will fall into their proper perspective.

Much has been heard lately about Hindu-Muslim tension; of the Muslim League and its leader, Mr. Jinnah. It is futile to say that this antagonism does not exist, but it is equally useless to exaggerate its importance. This has undoubtedly been done and the main issue blurred.

It is refreshing to see "The Times" taking a more realistic view. In an editorial on January 20 the writer criticizes both sides but also makes an important admission: "Some of his (Mr. Jinnah's) utterances have given the impression that the British policy of defending the lawful interests of minorities has encouraged him and his followers to think that members of the Muslim League are entitled to veto any and every constitutional advance simply because they are a minority . . ."

In his weekly paper "Harijan" (which by the way should be read regularly) of January 20, Mr. Gandhi has evidently elaborated the situation in detail. Only cabled extracts of this article are to hand; here are some of them:

Mr. Gandhi says "that he is not spoiling for a fight, but trying to avoid it . . . that he is eager for a compromise with Great Britain if it can be had with honour. . . . But"—he goes on to say—"there are some undoubted snags in that speech. Many i's have to be dotted, many t's crossed, but it seems to contain the germ of a settlement."

In the final paragraph of Mr. Heath's article on December 29 was this sentence:

"To-day there is complete deadlock and growing antagonism. The Prime Minister is too occupied to think of India, and there is no-one of big enough vision to step into the situation and effect a solution of courage, sense, justice and real concern for a new world. Save only that great man M. K. Gandhi."

No-one knows the pulse of his country better than the Mahatma. But, does the Viceroy know what the people of this country want him to do? I am afraid not. The apathy and ignorance on the Indian situation in this country are appalling.

On January 18, seeing that the India and Burma (Miscellaneous Amendments) Bill was to come before the House, I went in to listen. The Under-Secretary of State for India outlined in a lucid way the purpose of the Bill, which he said was to cure certain defects and omissions that the working of the new Constitution had revealed. Subsequent discussion showed the far-reaching importance of some of the clauses —Clause 2 in particular. For, in this, there is no shadow of doubt that if it passes as it stands, the Congress would see in it an attempt to limit power.

Listening to the debate, two things struck me forcibly. Why bring in a Bill like this now, when we know it will further inflame national India? (One can only hope that further discussions will be halted pending the talks in Delhi). And why were so many Members absent from their seats? At no time during the debate were more than a "handful" (as Mr. Wedgwood Benn described the attendance) present.

Surely we, as voters, can do something about this. We approach our respective M.P.s on other questions—have we done so on India? Until we do only a "handful" of them will feel impelled to attend when these momentous matters are under discussion.

And what is to prevent us from asking the Premier to include India in his weekly survey of international affairs? For the right settlement of this issue is of world significance.

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WEEKLY MARKET REVIEW

(From Our Special Correspondent.)
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Conditions in the money market remained unchanged during the week under review, day-to-day funds being quoted at 1 to 1-1/4 per cent. Fixed deposit rates were also unchanged at 2 to 2-1/4 per cent. for three months and 1-3/4 to 2 per cent. for six months.

A statement of affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, compiled upto 23rd February 1940, records a decrease of Rs. 183.88 lacs in Bankers' Deposits, whilst Government and Other Deposits are up by Rs. 336.48 lacs and Rs. 43.54 lacs respectively. The item of Baiances held abroad is up by Rs. 49.08 lacs and Investments show an increase of Rs. 31.74 lacs. The active note circulation in India is down by Rs. 170.07 lacs, whilst the Bank's holding of Rupee Coin is down by Rs. 30.67 lacs. The ratio of gold plus sterling assets to total liabilities is fractionally up to 62.035 per cent.

A return of the Imperial Bank of India drawn upto 23rd February 1940 records a rise of Rs. 29.70 lacs in Deposits. Advances by the Bank show a rise of Rs. 105.35 lacs and the Investment Portfolio has risen up by Rs. 72.98 lacs. The Bank's holding of cash is down by Rs. 145.11 lacs to Rs. 12.35 crores.

GILT-EDGED

There was an alround increase in gilt-edged valued during the week on continued good investment inquiry and firmer advices from London. 3-1/2 per cent. India Sterling Stock, in the London market, improved from the opening level of £91 to £93-1/4 at the close, whilst 3-1/2 per cent. Rupee Paper improved in sympathy from Rs. 91-6 to Rs. 93-4 on Tuesday, but closed lower at Rs. 92-12. There was a similar advance in the values of other terminable securities: 2-3/4 per cent. 1948-52 loan moved up from Rs. 94-16 to 96-8, 3 per cent. 1941 bonds from Rs. 101-7 to Rs. 101-12 and 3 per cent. 1951-54 loan from Rs. 95-14 to Rs. 97-12. 3 per cent. 1963-65 loan was marked up from Rs. 89-10 to Rs. 91-8. 3-1/2 per cent. 1947-50 loan from Rs. 101-8 to Rs. 103-4 and 4 per cent. 1943 bonds from Rs. 104-8 to Rs. 105-8. 4 per cent. 1960-70 loan improved from Rs. 105-9 to Rs. 107, 4-1/2 per cent. 1955-60 loan from Rs. 111-14 to Rs. 112-12 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 (Tax free) loan from Rs. 111-4 to Rs. 112-6.

EXCHANGE

Sterling exchange was flat during the period under report, sellers of spot T. T. quoting 1s. 5-63/64d. and buyers 1s. 6-1/64d. Small business was reported to have been done at middle rates.

In the free foreign exchange market in New York, sterling was inclined to be offered during the week, the sterling/dollar cross-rate, after opening at 395.37 cents, declined to 394.87 cents and after a temporary advance to 395.37 cents, closed lower again at 394.75 cents. The discount on three months' forward sterling, which had remained stationary at 3 cents until mid-week, widened at the end to 3-5/16 cents.

In the London market, the official buying and selling rates for various currencies were as under:—

The sterling/ dollar cross-rate 403-1/2 and 402-1/2 cents; the sterling/franc rate 176-3/4 and 176-1/2 francs; the sterling/guilder rate 7.57 and 7.52; and the sterling/belga rate 23.90 and 23.70. The lira was quoted between 78.00 and 77.75 during the week. The Shanghai dollar was practically pegged at 4d., but the yen varied between 1s 2-9/32 and 1s. 2-11/32d.

GOLD.

The local gold market ruled steady during the week. Spot gold, after opening at Rs. 42-6-6, improved to Rs. 42-9 on Tuesday on good demand for sovereigns which could be obtained in exchange for gold by paying a premium. After mid-week, the rate gradually declined to Rs. 42-7-3 at which level some buying for export was in evidence. The market was firm at the close on large-scale buying of call options by the public and spot gold stood at Rs. 42-9-9. April settlement gold commanded a premium of 1 anna 6 pies over spot, whilst May settlement stood one anna above April. Sovereigns were in good demand early in the week, but the demand slackened after mid-week. The quotation for spot sovereigns advanced to Rs. 27-9 on Monday and after declining to Rs. 27-5-6 mid-week, closed higher at Rs. 27-8. In London, the Bank of England's buying price for gold remained unchanged at 168 shillings per ounce throughout. Stocks of gold in the local market are estimated at about 100,000 tolas, while arrivals from upcountry average about 15,000 tolas a day. The average daily offtake for trade purpose is unchanged at 1,500 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 42-9-9 and Rs. 42-6-6 for spot, Rs. 42-11-6 and Rs 42-7-9 for April settlement and Rs. 42-12-6 and Rs. 42-9-9 for May settlement.

SILVER.

Silver exhibited a rising tendency during the week on bear-covering for March settlement. After opening at Rs. 56-9-6, spot silver touched Rs. 56-3-6, but thereafter steadily improved to Rs. 58-9, closing a fraction lower at Rs. 58 on profit-taking. The backwardation between spot and March settlement, which stood at 1 rupee 7 annas at the opening, varied between 12 annas and 1 rupee during the major part of the week depending on the volume of bear-covering for March settlement, but narrowed on Thursday just before the announcement of the Budget to 6 annas. After the announcement of the Budget, which revealed no change in the import duty on silver, spot stood at level rates with March and at a discount of 3 annas under April settlement. The premium between March and April settlements, which was quoted at 4-1/2 annas at the opening, narrowed to 2-1/2 annas on Wednesday on a rush of bears to carry forward their positions or to cut out their short-sales for March, but widened at the close to 3 annas. May settlement, business for which commenced from yesterday, stood at a premium of 4-1/2 annas over April. The London price of the metal steadily improved from 20-3/16d. to 20-1/2d. at the close. Silver for two months' forward delivery was quoted at level rates with spot during the major part of the week with the exception of Monday when it was quoted at a premium of 1/16d. and Thursday when it stood at a discount of 1/16d. The offtake of silver during the week was better at 100 bars a day, whilst floating stocks in the market are estimated at under 30,000 bars. The highest and lowest rates touched were: Rs. 58-9 and Rs. 56-3-6 for spot, Rs. 58-5 and Rs. 55-8 for April settlement and Rs. 58-10 and Rs. 57-14 for May settlement.

SHARES.

The local share market ruled firm during the earlier part of the week in sympathy with better tone in the commodity markets, but on Thursday, a hesitant feeling prevailed following uncertainty about the impending Central Budget. Towards the close, however, a firmer tone again was in evidence in view of the fact that new taxation proposals in the Central Budget were confined to sugar and petrol.

The firmness of the market was most in evidence in the steel section, where Tata Iron and Steel Deferred, after opening steady at Rs. 1,905, firmed up to Rs. 2,012-8 during the week, but declined to Rs. 1,975 prior to the Budget, whilst Ordinaries improved to Rs. 378, but subsequently declined to Rs. 373. On Friday, after the Budget, Deferred touched Rs. 2,090 and Ordinaries Rs. 390, but closed a shade quieter at Rs. 2,070 and Rs. 388 respectively. The cotton mill section also ruled firm during the week, but closed a shade quieter on reports about a general strike in the city: Bombay Dyeings improved from Rs. 912-8 to Rs. 957-8, Centuries gained from Rs. 289 to Rs. 306 and Central Indias from Rs. 282 to Rs. 360, but closed easier at Rs. 935, Rs. 299 and Rs. 296 respectively. Kohinoors gained wellnigh 23 points to Rs. 383 during the week, but were a shade quieter at the close at Rs. 373, whilst New Greats, after touching Rs. 363, declined and closed at Rs. 352. Hydro-electric Bank and Insurance shares were all firm in sympathy with firmer gilt-edged: Andhra Valleys steadily gained from Rs. 1,500 to Rs. 1,550 at the finish, whilst Tata Powers made headway from Rs. 1,388-12 to Rs. 1,362-8. Tata Hydros ruled firm at Rs. 160 at the close as against the opening level of Rs. 157-8. Amongst Banks, Central Banks improved from Rs. 35-4 to Rs. 36-3, Bank of Indias gained from Rs. 135-12 to Rs. 139 and Reserve Banks were in demand at Rs. 169 at the close. Imperial Bank Fully Paids, on the other hand, were little quieter at Rs. 1,478-12, but Partly Paids improved from Rs. 361-14 to Rs. 364-6 during the week. New Indias displayed good strength at Rs. 39-8 as compared with the opening rate of Rs. 37-2. In the miscellaneous bloc, Associated Cements declined from Rs. 117 to Rs. 115 mid-week on rumours of an excise duty on cement, but closed steadier at Rs. 122-8. Belapurs gradually improved from Rs. 200 to Rs. 216 at the finish, whilst Bombay Burmas, after touching Rs. 587-8 mid-week, closed steadier at Rs. 617-8. Scindia Steam were maintained around Rs. 18-5.

CALCUTTA

The price of hessians moved narrowly between Rs. 14-1 and Rs. 14-12 whilst the quotation for raw jute declined from Rs. 87-8 to Rs. 79, but reacted and closed quite steady at Rs. 82-4. Jute shares maintained a steady undertone during the week, but activity was much restricted.

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, March 1

	Extra Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G—					
Bengal U P	209	207	204		201
Punjab	209	207	204		201
Rajputana	217	215	212		209
Oomra No. 3	248	246	243	240	
C. P. No. 1	263	261	258	255	
C P. No. 2	254	252	249	246	
Broach No. 2	278	276	273		270
Surat	315	313	310		307
Rajpipla	310	308	305		302
Navsari	326	324	321		318

GROUNDNUTS COROMANDEL SHELLED

London, Feb 2.

March	£14 17 6
April	£14 17 6

REPATRIATION OF STERLING LOANS

Conversion Into Rupee Loans

The Reserve Bank has issued the following memorandum:—

With a view to accelerate the repatriation of India's Sterling Debt, it has been decided that holders of sterling stocks should be given the necessary facilities for converting their holdings into rupee loans of equal face value and equal maturity on terms to be advised by the Reserve Bank from time to time. The Government of India have issued a press notification dated the 22nd February 1940 declaring the general terms on which the conversion facilities will be extended to the public and a Gazette Extraordinary has also been issued on that date to notify the sanction of the Governor-General-in-Council to the scheme.

To enable holders of Government of India sterling stocks to convert their holdings into rupee loans, the Government of India have authorised the Reserve Bank at Bombay to open rupee sections for all India sterling loans now outstanding.

Parties desiring to avail of this facility will be required to take out a Licence from the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, and to pay a Licence fee proportionate to the face value of the stock required to be converted.

"LICENCE ISSUE DEPARTMENT"

The Licence Issue Department will be a new Department under the direct control and supervision of the Bombay Manager. Its functions will be confined to the work of issuing licences to the applicants desiring conversion facilities and the procedure to be followed is as under:—

Conversions of sterling stocks will be undertaken only for round amounts of not less than £7,500 nominal and multiples of £75 for stock either registered in the books of the Bank of England or held as bearer bonds in London. For the present bearer bonds held in India will not be dealt with under the scheme. Promissory Notes and stock certificates of Rs. 100 nominal of the new loans will be issued in exchange for stock of £7-10-0 nominal of the loans to be converted. Rupee Promissory Notes will be available in denomination of Rs. 100, Rs. 500, Rs. 1,000, Rs. 5,000, Rs. 10,000, Rs. 25,000, Rs. 1,00,000 and Rs. 10,00,000.

An applicant will be required to instruct his London Agents, by cable, should he so desire, to deliver his sterling stock to the Bank of England for cancellation and conversion and also to request the Bank of England to advise the Reserve Bank of India, Bombay, the necessary particulars of cancellations thus effected, by cable.

On receipt of advice from the Bank of England of cancellations of the scrips presented to them for conversion, the Licence Issue Department will issue to the applicant a Licence drawn on the Bombay Public Debt Office advising it to issue rupee securities of equal maturity and of equal nominal face value, adopting the conversion rate at 1sh. 6d.

INTEREST

For the terminable sterling loans, rupee counterparts will be created bearing interests as on the same interest payment dates as the corresponding sterling loans, but in the case of non terminable sterling loans, conversions will be effected into the existing non terminable rupee loans, the interest payment dates of which differ from their sterling counterparts. The procedure in respect of each class of loans will be as follows:—

TERMINABLE STERLING LOANS

The rupee counterparts will bear interest as from the last date of interest payment in London, after all arrears of interest have been paid. The conversion facilities will be discontinued in respect of each loan during the 'shut' period, i.e., during the period the books of the Bank of England are closed for the registration of transfers and the loans are quoted ex-interest in the London market, which is approximately one month prior to each interest payment date.

NON-TERMINABLE STERLING LOANS

The interest payment dates will be the same as for the existing non-terminable rupee loans. Interest on the sterling loans from the last interest payment date in London up to the date of cancellation by the Bank of England will be paid by the Reserve Bank of India. The corresponding rupee loan issued in conversion will earn interest for the applicant as from the date of cancellation of the relative sterling stock by the Bank of England, and the applicant will be required to pay accrued interest on the rupee loan from the last interest payment date up to the date of cancellation. Conversion facilities will be discontinued during the shut period, as in the case of terminable loans.

For the present applications should be made through scheduled banks and recognised brokers

American Cotton Figures

P P Bales	1939-40	1938-39
Receipts to date 29-2-40	6434000	3390000
Receipts yesterday 29-2-40	20000	3000
Exports to date 29-2-40	4883000	2642000
Stock at Ports 23-2-40	2978000	2614000
Stock at Interior Towns 28-2-40	2840000	3135000
Stock at Liverpool 23-2-40	.....	1009000
Visible Supply 23-2-40	.....	5848000
Quantity in sight 23-2-40	11335000	7903000
Quantity out of sight 23-2-40	.....	4690000

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, March 1

Bengal March	900
Oomra March	850

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay, March 1

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year Since 1st Sept.	Last year
Khandesh		48,294	32,567
Central India	1,400	70,495	183,037
Barsi and Nagar	48	102,826	53 039
Hyderabad Gaorani	108	40,555	4,166
Berar	2,968	250,413	118,560
Central Provinces	2,146	60,928	28,895
Total Oomras	6,670	573,514	420,254
Dholera	1,405	43,092	112,487
N W Provinces	178	22,064	2,155
Rajputana		24,410	44,127
Sind Punjab	541	287,295	258,164
Broach	8,585	159,801	99,010
Coompta and Dharwar		15,164	14,203
Westerns-Northerns	51	16,735	19 616
Cocoanada		50	84
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		1,309	2,540
American	3,430	24,376	2,196
Egyptian, African and Sudan	19	199,564	173,460
Comilla, Burma and other sorts		1,920	7
Total	20,879	1,363,394	1,148,303
Arrived by road to 22nd February 1940		194,358	

EXPORTS FROM BOMBAY

1st Sept to 22nd Feb

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday	This year	Last year
Total	7,120	877,639	689,674

LITERACY CAMPAIGN AT INDORE

Full Support Of State Assured

INDORE, (By Mail).

The Publicity Officer, Holkar State has issued the following press note:—

On the auspicious occasion of the Maharaja Holkar's Accession Day, an adult literacy campaign was inaugurated at Indore.

School boys led by their teachers enthusiastically marched throughout the city in processions shouting literacy slogans and songs especially composed for the occasion.

After the termination of the processions, the statue of Illiteracy was burnt amidst scenes of great enthusiasm. Mr M. D. Moudgill, the Director of School Education, addressed the boys and exhorted them to carry on the work of literacy throughout the Holkar State.

In the evening a mammoth meeting was held in the King Edward Hall under the Presidentship of Mr. Rangilal, the Home Minister and Judicial Minister of the State.

Mr. Moudgill, explained at length the literacy scheme of starting "Each one teach one" societies in all the Mohallas of the City. All those who will become their members will have to make literate at least one adult within six months. Col Dinanath, the Prime Minister of Indore, has enrolled himself as the first member—declared Mr. Moudgill.

Rai Bahadur Rangilal assured the full support of the Holkar Government for the scheme in his presidential remarks.

PEST MENACE IN GORAI COCOANUT PLANTATIONS

Need For Preventive Measures

A pest known as "Naphantis Serinopa" made its appearance in Utan last year and has destroyed the cocoanut, brab and shindi trees and is still exacting its toll there. It has made its appearance in Gorai where it is causing severe havoc in its vast cocoanut plantation.

It is said that all instructions from the District Agricultural Overseer were not carried out properly and promptly as some of the small plantation owners being financially handicapped could not carry out instructions.

After a lapse of one year the pest spread from Utan to Gorai and in a very short time seems to have infested the plantation and many cocoanut trees are seriously affected.

It is to be hoped that Government will lend immediate assistance to eradicate the pest in Gorai area as there is fear of its spreading south to Marva, Madh, Juhu, Bombay, Ratnagiri and other places on the West coast where there are extensive cocoanut plantation.

LAND FOR MAHAR COLONY

Bandra Municipality To Purchase Land From Govt.

The following resolution moved by Mr. N. B. Asgolkar was passed at the Bandra Municipal Board meeting yesterday:—

"That the Municipality do approach Government to secure the lands lying adjacent to the Kokanastha Mahar Colony at Bandra on th most favourable terms possible and do reserve and hold them for sale to the Mahars on an instalment basis spread over as many years as possible consistent with the exigencies of their finance.

"That land measures 28,000 sq proach Government for a loan to pay for the purchase price of the aforesaid lands."

The land measures 28,000 sq. yards and is at present occupied by Mahars who have built their own huts and have to pay a monthly rent for the land.

PEPPER AND GINGER PRICES

Bombay, March 1

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Pepper Jeth Sud 15th per candy		96	0 0
Pepper ready Lampong in C.I.F. per candy		0	0 0
Ginger ready unbleached per cwt		16	0 0
Ginger ready bleached per cwt		18	0 0
Ginger Chaitra Sud 15th per cwt		16	4 0
Ginger Vaishakh Sud 15th per cwt		17	8 0

WHEAT CHICAGO

Chicago, Feb 29

May	Col 1.02 7/8
July	dol 1.00 7/8
September	dol 1.00 1/2

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New York, Feb 29

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GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, March 1

Castorseeds May—			
Opening	Rs.	52	0 0
Highest		52	0 0
Lowest		49	8 0
Closing		49	12 0
Groundnuts May—			
Opening		39	8 0
Highest		39	11 6
Lowest		39	0 0
Closing		39	1 0
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening		26	8 0
Highest		26	9 0
Lowest		26	4 6
Closing		26	6 0

PRODUCE RECEIPTS

Bombay, March 1

Linseed	32,553	cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustardseeds	1,842	cwts.
Gingellyseed	483	cwts.
Groundnuts	11,234	cwts.
Castorseeds	5,807	cwts.
Myrabollams	3,530	cwts.
Cottonseed	15,177	cwts.
Indian sugar	3,084	cwts.

1,273 LIVES RESCUED

War Work Of Life-Boat Service

LONDON (By Mail).

During January Britain's life-boat service rescued 272 lives from shipwreck, the largest number ever rescued in the first month of the year.

Since the war started 1,273 lives have been saved. In these five months of war the service has rescued more lives than in two years of peace.

During the five months the royal national life-boat institute has paid in rewards to its crews and launchers over £9,000—twice as much as in the same five months of 1938 and 1939.—Reuter

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PORTENTS OF DIRECT ACTION?

Complete Consensus Of Opinion

(From Our Correspondent)
PATNA, March 1.

It now seems almost definite that to-morrow India will give some "big news" to an anxious world.

From the distinct signs of "relief" caught on the faces of leaders, when they came out of the Working Committee Meeting it can be assumed that the Congress High Command have decided upon some "decisive" action. The Mahatma's pensive walk, Rajaji's light talks with Dr. Pattabhi and Kripalani's calm replies to the besieging pressmen—all this just 20 minutes after the Committee's meeting—lend further support to the above surmises.

Still additional support to the above view is furnished by Rajaji's decision not to leave Patna to-night. Gandhiji and some other leaders who were also to leave Patna to-night have changed their programme at the eleventh hour.

CALL TO COUNTRY FOR DIRECT ACTION

Though strict secrecy is being maintained by leaders as regards the exact nature of the draft under discussion, it is gathered, it bears the stamp of the joint authorship of Mahatma and Pandit Nehru. The draft it is said, expresses complete dissatisfaction with the Viceroy's offer and Lord Zetland's statement and reiterates the Congress demand for self-determination as the irreducible minimum for a settlement. It further says that Britain does not intend to slacken her imperial hold on India and is merely trying to hide behind bogeys of minorities, Princes, defence and European interests.

The resolution is likely to emphasise India's non-co-operation with the war; in short the resolution will be a call to the country to prepare itself for direct action.

It is reported that there was complete unanimity amongst members as regards British intentions and the next step to be taken by Congress.

COMPLETE CONESNUS OF OPINION.

Gandhiji is reported to have given expression to the feeling that he did not see any chance of settlement in view of Lord Zetland's statement and a consensus of opinion is understood to have been in total agreement with it. It is said what "dominated" to-day's Working Committee meeting was "action." It is further said that the Committee considered all the aspects of a possible struggle in the light of the Defence of India Ordinance.

It is opined that the Working Committee resolution will find unanimous support of the entire Congress; as an attempt is being made to cover in the resolution all shades of opinion of various groups in Congress.

Thus Lord Zetland having banged the door of settlement it seems now certain the frail little leaders of India sitting on Banks of the Ganges will accept Britain's Challenge and lead India through sacrifice and struggle to glorious victory.

Informed circles opine that the Mahatma's famous letter to Lord Irwin might repeat itself after Ramgarh.

CONGRESS RESOLVES TO LAUNCH C. D.

Nothing Short Of Full Independence Acceptable

"Freedom Cannot Exist Within Orbit Of Br. Imperialism"

Mahatma To Lead Nation Once Again, After Being Satisfied With Pre-requisites

PATNA, March 1.

THE Declaration that nothing short of complete independence will be accepted by the people of India is made in a 700 words resolution adopted by the Congress Working Committee which has just concluded its three day session here. This is the only resolution for the Ramgarh session of the Congress.

The resolution 'inter alia' says: "Indian freedom cannot exist within the orbit of British imperialism and Dominion Status or any other status within the imperial structure is wholly inapplicable to India and is not in keeping with the dignity of a great nation and would bind India in many ways to British policy and economic structure.

PEOPLE OF INDIA ARBITER OF ITS DESTINY

The people of India alone can properly shape their own constitution and determine their relations to the other countries of the world, through a Constituent Assembly elected on the basis of adult suffrage."

Proceeding the resolution says: "The Congress withdrew the ministries from the provinces where the Congress had a majority in order to dissociate India from the war and to enforce the Congress determination to free India from foreign domination.

CABINET MEETING ON MARCH 15

The Congress Working Committee has decided that the Working Committee should meet at Ramgarh on March 15, instead of March 14 as was originally programmed. This decision has been taken in view of the fact that the main resolution for the Congress has already been prepared.

All leaders are preparing to leave for their respective stations this evening. Mahatma Gandhi is leaving for Wardha 'via' Calcutta by to-night's Punjab Mail.—A.P.

TEXT OF RESOLUTION

The following is the text of the resolution passed by the Congress Working Committee:—

"This Congress having considered the grave and critical situation resulting from the war in Europe and British policy in regard to it approves of and endorses the resolutions passed and the action taken on the war situation by the A. I. C. C. and Working Committee. The Congress considers the declaration by the British Government of India as a belligerent country, without any reference to the people of India and the exploitation of India's resources in this war, as an affront to them, which no self-respecting and freedom-loving people can accept or tolerate.

The recent pronouncements made on behalf of the British Government in regard to India demonstrate that Great Britain is carrying on the war fundamentally for imperialist ends and for the preservation and strengthening of her Empire, which is based on the exploitation of the people of India, as well as of other Asiatic and Africa countries.

Under these circumstances, it is clear that the Congress cannot in any way, directly or indirectly be a party to the war, which means continuance and perpetuation of this exploitation. The Congress therefore strongly disapproves of Indian troops being made to fight for Great Britain and of the drain from India of men and material for the purpose of the war. Neither the recruiting nor the money raised in India can be considered to be voluntary contributions from India Congressmen, and those under the Congress influence, cannot help in the prosecution of the war with men, money or material.

"The Congress hereby declares again that nothing short of complete independence can be accepted by the people of India. Indian freedom cannot exist within the orbit of imperialism and Dominion Status or any other status within the imperial structure is wholly inapplicable to India, is not in keeping with the dignity of a great nation, and would bind India in many ways to British politics and economic structure. The people of India alone can properly shape their own constitution and determine their relations to the other countries of the world, through a constituent assembly elected on the basis of adult suffrage.

COMMUNAL HARMONY.

"The Congress is further of opinion that while it will always be ready, as it ever has been, to make every effort to secure communal harmony, no permanent solution is possible except through a constituent assembly, where the rights of all recognised minorities will be fully protected by agreement, as far as possible, between the elected representatives of various majority, and minority groups or by arbitration of agreement is not reached on any point. Any alternative will lack finality. India's constitution must be based on independence, democracy and national unity, and the Congress repudiates attempts to divide India or to split up her nationhood. The Congress has always aimed at a constitution where the fullest freedom and opportunities of development are guaranteed to the group and the individual, and social injustice yields place to a juster social order.

QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY.

"The Congress cannot admit the right of the rulers of Indian States, or of foreign vested interests to come in the way of Indian freedom. Sovereignty in India must rest with the people, whether in the States or the Provinces, and all other interests must be subordinated to their vital interests. The Congress holds that the difficulty raised in regard to the States is of British creation and, it will not be satisfactorily solved unless the declaration of the freedom of India from foreign rule is unequivocally made. Foreign interests, if they are not in conflict with the interests of the Indian people, will be protected.

INDIA AND WAR.

"The Congress withdrew the Ministries from the Provinces where the Congress had a majority in order to dissociate India from the war and to enforce the Congress determination to free India from foreign domination. This preliminary step must naturally be followed by civil disobedience, to which the Congress will unhesitatingly resort as soon as the Congress organisation is considered fit enough for the purpose, or in case circumstances so shape themselves as to precipitate a crisis. The Congress desire to draw the attention of Congressmen to Mr. Gandhi's declaration that he can only undertake the responsibility of declaring civil disobedience when he is satisfied that they are strictly observing discipline and are carrying out the constructive programme prescribed in the independence pledge.

"The Congress seeks to represent and serve all classes and communities without distinction of race or religion, and the struggle for Indian independence is for the freedom of the whole nation. Hence the Congress cherishes the hope that all classes and communities will take part in it. Civil disobedience is to evoke the spirit of sacrifice in the whole nation.

"The Congress hereby authorises the All-India Congress Committee and in the event this being necessary, the Working Committee, to take all steps to implement the foregoing resolution, as the Committee concerned may deem necessary."

Mr. Nataraj Vashi, the well-known dancer, being complimented by Their Highnesses the Maharaja and Maharani of Baroda at the conclusion of the special performance given in their honour at Laxmi Pratap Theatre, Baroda, on 20th February.

RECEPTION TO NATARAJ VASHI

Purse Presented In Appreciation

(From Our Correspondent.)
BARODA, (By Mail).

The friends and admirers of Nataraj Vashi, the young talented dancer, held a reception yesterday evening at the Laxmi Pratap Theatre when feeling references about Nataraj Vashi's art of dancing were made by Messrs. Manibhai V. Desai and Dr. K. G. Naik. Amongst those present on the occasion were Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, the Dewan of Baroda and Mr. Pranlal Munshi, Secretary of Baroda State Prajamandal. A purse was also presented to Nataraj Vashi. Mr. Vashi in a brief reply thanked all for honouring him and considering him as one of their own as a Baroda State subject and expressed a hope that the present reception would act as a stimulus to develop his art of dancing and to fulfil his idea of starting an art centre in Gujarat. Mr. Vashi and his ballet, in return gave fine performances of various dances of which the Vanazara dance, Ghumar, Apsara Nritya and Nirvana evoked much applause from the audience. Mr. Vashi in a special interview to your correspondent stated that he expected Gujarat to help him in the revival of the Indian dances and through it the ancient culture.

SIR V. T. FOR DELHI.

Sir V. T. Krishnamachari the Dewan of Baroda has left for Delhi and is expected back after a fortnight.

Presidential Procession On March 13

Preparations For Ramgarh Congress Proceeding

RAMGARH, March 1.

Preparations for the ensuing Congress session are proceeding apace.

It has been decided to take the President-elect in a procession from Ranchi Road to Mazharpuri on March 13. He will be seated in a motor car decorated with flowers. The body of the car will be covered with an atristic design of a peacock made of flowers of various colours. The car will be followed by a musical band.

During the Congress week a Kavi Sammelan and Musharia will be held. Only poems with nationalistic theme will be allowed to be recited at the Sammelan and only such persons who are khadi-wearers will be allowed to recite them. The participants will not be paid any travelling allowance, but will get free board and lodging at the Nagar.—United Press.

ATTACK ON CIVIL LIBERTIES

Protest By Calcutta Leaders

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.

Mr. Nishit Chandra Sen Mayor of Calcutta, Acharya Sir P. C. Ray, Mr. Ramananda Chatterjee, Dr. Pramatha Nath Banerjee, Mr. B. C. Chatterjee, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee, Mr. Tulsi Chandra Goswami Mr. Pramatha Nath Banerjee, Sir Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan and Dr. Radha Kumud Mookerji have issued the following statement to the Press:—

'For several months past an organised attempt has been made in Bengal to curb the civil liberties of the people by various methods. The liberty of the press and freedom of expression of opinion constitute the most elementary civil rights and any attack on them should be resisted. It is extremely unfortunate that in these extra ordinary circumstances a controversy should arise as to the freedom of the press between different sections of public opinion who are agreed on the sanctity of civil liberties. We are not concerned with the differences that have in recent months manifested themselves between different wings of the Indian National Congress. All that we can say is that in the present national emergency these differences should be removed or at least minimised.

Whether there are differences or not, there can be no question as to the necessity for the freedom of expression of opinion on the problems of the day. We may agree to, or differ from, the views now and then expressed by the nationalist press on any particular question but we think it is unfair that an attempt should be made by any section of the public to gag any particular newspaper or terrorise it into a surrender of its judgment or boycott it. Should the present atmosphere of strife and mutual hatred be allowed to continue there would be an end of the freedom of the press and, indeed of all civil liberties which all of us hold dear. We hope that in the heat of the hour we shall not so forget ourselves that any of us should be party to the undermining of the elementary decencies of social and corporate life.'

PRITHVI SINGH FOR GUJARAT

Will Open Physical Culture Centre At Borsad

CALCUTTA, Feb. 27.

Sardar Prithvi Singh, who arrived here yesterday from Malikanda, will proceed to Gujarat after attending the Congress session at Ramgarh, to start a physical culture centre with seventy students at Borsad. Non-violence and truth will be ideals of the institution.—United Press.

Edgar Wallace Detective Story Day By Day

INSPECTOR WADE — THE FEATHERED SERPENT CASE

LEMME AT 'IM/ WHERE IS 'E?
TOO LATE, BOGGS/ HE'S IN A CAR BY NOW/
HE'S THE ONE WHO TRIED TO KILL ME WITH THAT SANDBAG/
YOU STOPPED THAT, INSPECTOR/ BUT WHO IS HE?
THERE'S YOUR ANSWER/
BLIMEY, TH' FEATHERED SERPENT/
LUGG REACHES THE HEADQUARTERS OF THE FEATHERED SERPENT.....
YOU FAILED, LUGG?... THIS TIME I'LL SEND OUT INSPECTOR WADE/ HE DOESN'T REMEMBER WHO HE IS--THINKS HE'S ONE OF US, NAMED SMITH/ HE WON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S DOING/
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